

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

January 26, 2020

Think God Can't Use You ?

The next time you feel like God can't use you, just remember:

- * Noah made a mistake and got drunk.
- * Abraham thought he was too old.
- * Jacob was a liar.
- * Leah wasn't exactly the most beautiful person.
- * Joseph was mistreated by his brothers.
- * Moses had a stuttering problem.
- * Rahab was a prostitute.
- * David had an affair and was a murderer.
- * Gideon was afraid.
- * Naomi was a widow.
- * Job went bankrupt and lost his health.
- * Elijah was depressed.
- * Jeremiah was too young.
- * Jonah ran from God.
- * Zaccheus was too small.
- * Peter denied Christ.
- * The disciples fell asleep while praying.
- * Paul was too religious.
- * Timothy had an ulcer...AND
- * Lazarus was dead!

Now, no more excuses! God can use you to your full potential. All you have to do is stop making excuses, give up on the world, and turn to God and trust in Him. God can use you!

"For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty..." (1Cor. 1:26-27)

— Selected

"The text of the Bible means what God inspired it to mean, not "what it means to me." — Donald S. Whitney

Staying connected to God

"And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also" (I John 4:21).

It seems that many have the idea that they can be acceptable to God without being a part of Christ's body, which is the church (Colossians 1:24).

Jesus said, "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). The early disciples demonstrated that they belonged to Jesus because of their care for one another (Acts 2:44-47).

There is no way around the plain truth that in order to please God we must love our fellow believers. As someone has said, our relationship with God is vertical, but without the horizontal connect with our spiritual family, the vertical is broken. There must be a connection with fellow believers.

Understand that we live in a rough world which does everything that it can to destroy our connection with God. We need other like-minded people for encouragement who share our moments of joy and sorrow.

We assemble to stimulate each other to love and to do good deeds (Hebrews 10:24-25). It isn't just to worship God that we

meet. In the songs that we sing we teach and admonish each other (Colossians 3:16). We also hear and study God's word together. In the body we are equipped for service, unified in faith, taught of Jesus, and matured in our walk with Jesus and each other. Through this connection we are growing up to be like Christ (Ephesians 4:11-16).

If we have no connection with other believers, we will fail to become what our Father wants us to be.

We can't survive by ourselves. We need Jesus' community.

—D. Wittlif

**Between “THE” church and “A” church
“there is a great chasm fixed.” (Eph 4 / Lk16)**

Notable Quotables

“Evangelism is a natural overflow of the Christian life. Every Christian should be able to talk about what the Lord has done for him or her and what He means to him or her. But evangelism is also a Discipline in that we must discipline ourselves to get into situations where evangelism can occur, that is, we must not just wait for witnessing opportunities to happen.”

— Donald S. Whitney, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*

Dear Optimist, Pessimist, and Realist,

While you were arguing whether the glass of water was half empty or half full, I drank it.

Sincerely,

The Opportunist

Pride Packages For Soldiers: We rotate the items that we bring in so there will be a variety of things available for Pat to send to our soldiers. For the next two weeks we'll be bringing: Feminine hygiene products (*Pads, panty liners, tampons for female troops*) Women's cotton regular underwear in dark colors, S,M,L, Men's boxer shorts, dark colors, M, L, XL, Men and

Women's White OR black crew socks (*plain, no design or other colors on them*) , Tube socks

Reading : I Thessalonians 1-12 ; I Corinthians 9: 23-27

NEXT WEEK : (February 2, 2020)

Song Leader : **Greg**

Scripture Reader : **Bob**

Table & Announcements : **Tim**

Prayer List :

Jerry Rankin : Jerry is home and doing well

Ruby Miller : Sis. Ruby was experiencing stomach pains so she was taken to Carle Clinic where she remains until now. They are able to manage her pain, but are continuing to run tests on her so the final diagnosis is not yet clear. (no improvmt)

Bob Hudson : The son-in-law of Ruby was admitted to Sarah Bush this week with atrial fibrillation and extremely low blood oxygen. Ruby's issued stressed him and now he has issues.

Mary Smith : Sis. Mary is still at the manor ... No update

Susan Bales : The surgery of Rosanne's mother went well. She's back home resting and recovering.

Stanley Rich : The PET scan of Jonathan's uncle Stan came back clear. He was referred to a lung specialist in Springfield.

Mary Niehls & Sarah : Sarah, will soon be off to Haiti on a medical mission trip so Mary Niehls is in Pennsylvania spoiling her 5 young children in her absence.

Jim Jarnigan : No update Greg's cousin Jim has been diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia. Jim is awaiting options??

Ruby Bradd : The cancer of the 3 yr old daughter of Stephen & Ranae is in remission for now. Pray it continues to be so.

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Marge, Ruby, Mary, Doris, Delores, Betty, Pete & Hazel,

Others with ongoing issues :

Doris Faulkner : Rm. 603 in Alzheimer's unit at the Manor.

Madonna : Her biweekly chemo will continue indefinitely.

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and back issues

Brenda Stevens : Ongoing painful back issues. .

Glenda Hyneman : Multiple recurring issues, some serious

Dan Luidhardt : Wayne's friend has severe kidney failure due to diabetes. May soon receive artificial kidneys

*** Each day as you pray for those on this list,
always include our congregation and her elders**

***Visitors are always welcomed.
We invite you to visit our assemblies.***

Schedule of Services :

Sunday Morning : Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:20 a.m.

Sunday Evening : Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday : Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



Ya'll Come !