

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

February 2, 2020

Then They Believed

Some things just take time. Investments take time to grow in value. Some salads need refrigerating overnight before they are served. The Minor League is where baseball players can spend years to develop their skills. It takes about 20 years for a baby to grow to adulthood. It takes 13 years to graduate from high school. Quality relationships grow with time. You get the point.

It shouldn't surprise us, then, that many things about our relationship with Jesus will take lots of time to grow and develop. We may have read and thought about a certain Scripture for many years before we finally grasped its meaning. We then may look back at it and wonder at why it took so long to understand.

The Apostles spent three years watching and listening to Jesus, but it wasn't until after his death and resurrection that what Jesus said and did began to make sense. Early in Jesus' ministry he went to the temple to celebrate the Passover. What he found appalled him ... men selling cattle, sheep and doves ... others exchanging money. They had turned God's house into a marketplace. His reaction was swift and decisive. He made a whip and drove out the merchants and animals, scattered the coins and overturned their tables (*John 2.14-16*). At that point

his disciples recalled the Scripture, “*Zeal for your house will consume me*” (*Psalms 69.9*). They understood !

After that the Jews demanded to know by what authority he did that, and to prove it with a miraculous sign. Jesus’ response confused them all: “*Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days*” (*John 2.19*). It wasn’t until years later, after he was resurrected on the third day, that his disciples understood that it was the temple of his body, not the Jerusalem temple, that he meant. It wasn’t until then that they believed the Scripture and the words Jesus had spoken (*John 2.20-22*). What a beautiful place to finally get to!

“*Then they believed.*” Spiritual maturity takes time ... lots of time. But what if the disciples had let their confusion cause them to give up and quit before they could grow to understand? What if they had become disgusted with the whole thing and gone back to fishing or tax collecting or whatever? Thankfully they didn’t. They stuck it out. They were patient. They maintained their hope that Jesus was the Messiah until they finally knew for certain that he was. Much later, when recalling the story of Jesus, John could say, “*Then they believed.*”

No matter where you are in your spiritual journey, I encourage you to patiently stick with Jesus. There are things you don’t understand now, but don’t give up. Keep working. Keep trusting. Keep growing in grace and knowledge (*2 Pet. 3.18*).

— Joe Chesser

Say It Now

*I would rather have one little rose
From the garden of a friend,
Than to have the choicest flowers
When my stay on earth must end.*

*I would rather have a pleasant word
In kindness said to me,
Than flattery when my heart is still,
And life has ceased to be.*



*I would rather have a loving smile
From friends I know are true,
Than tears shed 'round my casket
When this world I've bid adieu.*

*Bring me all your flowers today,
Whether pink, or white, or red;
I'd rather have one blossom now,
Than a truckload when I'm dead. – selected*

Sons of Encouragement

Then when he arrived and witnesses the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord; Acts 11:23

Barnabas was sent to Antioch to help the church there. They were growing steadily but were threatened daily with persecution from all sides. Barnabas, called the son of encouragement, made a big difference. He came with rejoicing, encouragement, and helped them remain true to the Lord. The Christians rose up and continued to grow and prosper. Sometimes, people may think the way to make changes is to divide and destroy, but in reality we need a few more volunteers to be a "Barnabas" among us. Any volunteers to rejoice, encourage, and help? We know you can do it.

– David Grubb

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 : Psalm 51: 1-17

NEXT WEEK : (February 9, 2020)

Song Leader : Delmar

Scripture Reader : Larry

Table & Announcements : Ron

Prayer List :

Ruby Miller : Sis. Ruby is now back at the nursing home in Neoga. She's still receiving significant amounts of pain medication so she sleeps a lot. Though she is not yet up to receiving visitors, she would enjoy cards. You may send them c/o here daughter : c/o Nancy Hudson,
1014 N. 2050 East Rd.
Shelbyville, IL 62565

Bob Hudson : The son-in-law of Ruby is now home where he is recovering with the aid of meds for atrial fibrillation.

Mary Smith : Sis. Mary is now residing at the Villas at Holly Brook. She is in suite #12. She's now able to get around some

Susan Bales : Is doing so well that she's vacationing in Fla.

Stanley Rich : Recovering at home, but not further update.

Mary Niehls & Sarah : Sarah's medical mission to Haiti has already helped hundreds of people. She was scheduled to return home on Saturday. No update on Mary's survival.

Jim Jarnigan : Doing well. Medication appear to be working.

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 !