

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

March 1, 2020

A Reminder Of Home

At the foot of a great mountain in China lived a father and his three sons. They were a simple and loving family. The father noticed that travelers came from afar eager to climb the dangerous mountain. But not one of them ever returned!

The three sons heard stories about the mountain, how it was made all of gold and silver at the top. Despite their father's warnings, they could not resist venturing up the mountain. Along the way, under a tree, sat a beggar, but the sons did not speak to him or give him anything. They ignored him. One by one, the sons disappeared up the mountain, the first to a house of rich food, the second to a house of fine wine, the third to a house of gambling. Each became a slave to his desire and forgot his home.

Meanwhile, their father became heartsick. He missed them terribly. "Danger aside," he said, "I must find my sons." Once he scaled the mountain, the father found that indeed the rocks were gold, the streams silver. But he hardly noticed. He only wanted to reach his sons, to help them remember the life of love they once knew. On the way down, having failed to find them, the father noticed the beggar under the tree and asked for his advice. "The mountain will give your sons back," said the beggar, "only if you bring something from home to cause them

to remember the love of their family." The father raced home, brought back a bowl full of rice, and gave the beggar some as a thank-you for his wisdom. He then found his sons, one at a time, and carefully placed a grain of rice on the tongue of each of them. At that moment, the sons recognized their foolhardiness. Their real life was now apparent to them. They returned home with their father and as one loving family lived happily ever after.

On the Lord's Day as we worship our Lord, we also gather to receive a reminder of home, a taste of food that will help us remember who we are. I mean the bread of life, our Father's gift to us. This is the food of God's kingdom, His church, and it reminds us that Heaven is our true home. Don't allow the things of this world to keep you from your true home. **"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"** (**Psa. 122:1**).

— Tom Moore

Awakening Our Last Hope

Theological discussions and pondering the great mysteries of the universe did not dominate their thoughts on the lake that night! Surrounded by life-threatening waves and typhoon-force winds, the only thoughts were for loved ones to be left behind. Then they remembered Jesus who was with them in the boat.

Perhaps they thought of His power to heal or to cast out evil spirits. No doubt they realized that His authority and power had yet to be tested beyond His capacity. Their last hope was peacefully asleep in the heart of a storm (Mark 4:38).

The Master calmed the storm on the sea, only to ignite one in their souls. *"Where is your faith?"* He spoke often of faith. Now they had an unforgettable example. Faith is a trust that rests firmly in the unseen (God), enabling one to overcome the seen. These frightened fishermen found themselves paralyzed by the fear surrounding them, trusting only what they could see. Meanwhile, they allowed their hope to sleep at the back of the boat.

How often the scenario is repeated. Dark trials loom on the horizon, and panic fills the heart, trusting only in the seen.

Where is your faith? If only we would remember Jesus. Place our faith in Him. Trust His word. Lean on His arm in prayer. This kind of faith will not only see us safely through the storm, but also pull us closer to God. It will leave us peacefully resting in the midst of life's storms. Faith is the spiritual reasoning that urges us to awaken our last hope.

--David Bragg,

Reminder



Save the evening of Saturday, March 21, 2020
for our annual "*Sweetheart Banquet*."

Earlier on March 21st:

Lady's Day at the Lakeside Church of Christ

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: Gum, bubble gum, Pop Tarts, (*any flavor but strawberry favorite*), Fruit snacks, Fruit by the Foot, Gushers

Reading : **Matthew 6: 9-15 ; 18: 21-35**

NEXT WEEK : **(March 8, 2020)**

Song Leader : **Delmar**

Scripture Reader : **Ron**

Table & Announcements : **Greg**

Sympathy :

Ruby Miller : Thursday morning funeral services were held for our beloved Sister, Ruby Miller. She will be sorely missed by all of us who loved her. So long as she was able she was the first one here every Sunday morning. We join her family in mourning their loss and extend our sincere prayers for them. May we all take a lesson in faithfulness from Ruby.

H. Charles Woolen : Chuck, the ex-husband of Brenda Steven's sister passed away on Tuesday the 25th. He was 79 yrs old and was the father of Brenda's niece and nephews. Brenda requests we pray for Kim, Hobie, Marty and their families.

Prayer List :

Bob Hudson : The son-in-law of Ruby was readmitted in the hospital after being diagnosed with pneumonia. They also found that his AFib (*Atrial Fibrillation*) has also returned.

Colin Kinkleaar. Colin has been transferred out of the ICU into regular room. He has also been sat up on the side of the bed and started his physical therapy. This sounds like he is making his first strides toward his recovery.

Kathy Minser : The sister of the Reynolds was hospitalized after another bad fall. Kathy has been moved to a private room at Lewis Memorial for therapy. It's sort of like a bounce back facility.

Debbie Adams: Though she has been released from the hospital, the sister of Terry Perry has a long road to recovery from the broken bones she suffered in the severe auto accident. Ron, her husband (*elder at Sullivan*) has only bruises.

Brenda Stevens: Brenda will be seeing a specialist in Indianapolis on Monday. She has a 4th nerve palsy in her left eye resulting in double vision. Please pray this can be corrected.

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Marge, 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.

Ruby Bradd : 3 yr. old fighting reoccurring cancer

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.*

Ya'll Come !

Schedule of Services :

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

Sunday Evening : Worship 6:00 p.m.

