

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

March 15, 2020

"I Need Your Help"

There is often a fine line about which most of us have to be very wise and cautious ... the line that separates independence and inability. Supervisors and managers face it every day at work. Teachers face it in the classroom. Parents face it at home. Supervisors and teachers and parents who are wise allow others to try to solve problems and accomplish tasks on their own without interference. Stepping back and silently watching others struggle when you see they need help is difficult. But it is very rewarding for you and for them when their struggle ends in success.

However, there are times when problems can't be solved, and tasks can't be accomplished without help. It's also rewarding when workers and students and children recognize their need for help ... and ask for it!

"I need your help" are some of the sweetest words ever spoken. At the same time they admit limitations in themselves and strengths in others. They express humility with a desire to grow. They acknowledge that God did not create us for independent living. He created us to both need help and give help.

The Ethiopian treasurer admitted he needed Philip's help while reading from Isaiah 53 (*Acts 8.30-31*). When the prodigal

son came to his senses, he recognized he need help from his father (*Luke 15.17-19*). One of the thieves crucified with Jesus knew he needed Jesus' help (*Luke 23.40-43*). The tax collector praying at the temple begged for God's mercy (*Luke 18.13*). God has created within us the need to confess our sins to each other and pray for each other (*James 5.16*).

Just as important as recognizing our need for help is giving help to others. Philip willingly taught the Ethiopian. The father immediately restored his son. Jesus promised a blessing for the thief. God answered the tax collector's prayer. Wise supervisors and teachers and parents cherish the words, "*I need your help.*" God wants, even expects, those who are skilled and knowledgeable to train and educate others so they, in turn, can train and educate more. "*And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be able to teach others*" (2 Tim. 2.2). "*By this time you ought to be teachers*" (Hebrews 5.12). Fathers are to instruct and train their children in the Lord (*Ephesians 6.4*). Christians are to help bear each other's burdens (*Galatians 6.2*). And the list goes on.

We are not left to the resources of our own strength. God has the power to do "*immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine*" (*Ephesians 3.20*). Yet, in His wisdom, God patiently waits for us say, "*I need your help.*" Read 2 Peter 3.9.

— Joe Chesser

Encourage Someone

*The right word at the right time
is like precious gold set in silver.*

— Proverbs 25:11

Cassandra Warren wrote the wrong address on a wedding invitation. It came back to her with this handwritten note: "I wish I knew you—this is going to be a blast. Congratulations—go have dinner on me." A \$20 bill was enclosed.

Cassandra had no idea who the mystery note-writer was. But it came at a time when she was overwhelmed with the details of planning her wedding.

She wrote the incorrect address on another envelope—this time on purpose—and addressed it to “Kind Stranger.”

“Thank you for the note and taking the time to send it,” she wrote. “Not many would have done that. I am thankful that people like you are still in the world.”

And I’m thankful, dear reader, that people like you are still in the world.

*You can’t encourage everyone,
but you can encourage someone.*

— Joe Barnett

*** This Sunday’s service at the Manor is canceled.**

This Saturday evening, March 21, 2020, we will gather for
our annual “*Sweetheart Banquet.*”

5:30 p.m. ... Corner of N. 4th St. & N. Will St.

Lady’s Day on the 21st ..Postponed (due to Corona)
Lakeside Church of Christ on Rita Rd. in Springfield

Spring Sing ... April 24, 2020 ... 7-8:30 p.m.
Clinton Church of Christ .. 5450 Evans rd., Clinton

Lady’s Day .. “Do you have 20/20 Vision?”
April 25, 2020 .. Registration 9:00 10-2:00 p.m.
Lake Land Church of Christ .. Rt. 45, Mattoon, IL

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: Nutri Grain Bars (*any fla*), Breakfast bars of any kind, Protein bars, Pringles, Small containers of chips (no bgs)

Birthdays : Mitch Reynolds March 15
Pat Uphoff March 21

Reading : I Thessalonians 1: 18

NEXT WEEK : (March 22, 2020)

Song Leader : Stan

Scripture Reader : J.J.

Table & Announcements : Bob



Prayer List :

Madonna Nichols : The infested wound where Madonna's chemo port was removed is healing, but she will not be able to have chemo treatments until it is completely healed.

Gary Funburg. Gary is recovering nicely from his shoulder surgery and is pain free, but anxious for it to be back in action.

Colin Kinkleaar. No update .. However, at last report Colin had a long way to go, but he is making strides toward his recovery.

Kathy Minser : The sister of the Reynolds is improving, but has a long way to go .. ongoing speech and mobility issues.

Debbie Adams: The sister of Terry Perry continues to recovery from the broken bones and surgeries.

Brenda Stevens: Brenda has severe sinus infection

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.

