

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

November 8, 2020

How Did You Vote ?

Election time has just passed and we often heard of the importance of voting during this election. We have all heard of elections that were decided by one vote. It happens from time to time. Elections like that remind us of the power of our vote. Whether you decided to vote in this recent political election or not, you will be casting the deciding vote in the following "elections":

- * The Lord has voted for you to be a faithful Christian. Satan has voted for you to not become a Christian/fall away. You get to cast the deciding vote.
- * The Lord has voted for you to read your Bible more. Satan has voted for you to read it less. You get to cast the deciding vote.
- * The Lord has voted for you to pray more often and more fervently. Satan has voted for you to decrease your prayer life. You get to cast the deciding vote.
- * The Lord has voted for you to increase your spiritual maturity/faith. Satan has voted for you to be less faithful. You get to cast the deciding vote.

* The Lord has voted for you to be more benevolent/kind /giving. Satan has voted for you to be more selfish and less helpful to others. You get to cast the deciding vote.

* The Lord has voted for you to be more active in the church. Satan has voted for you to be less active in the Lord's work. You get to cast the deciding vote.

* The Lord has voted for you to go to heaven. Satan has voted for you to go to hell. You get to cast the deciding vote.

How are you going to vote on these issues?

– Edd Sterchi (*Slightly edited*)

**"Things that matter most
must never be at the mercy
of things that matter least."**

- Goethe

Bless You!

Blessed are you when you come to worship, even when you are not feeling the best in the world - your dedication is helping to inspire many in this congregation.

Blessed are you when you leave your contribution, even when you cannot physically be here - you have helped this church to meet its financial obligations and branch out in new endeavors in the name of the Lord. (*Worshipped God*)

Blessed are you when you smile and greet others and sing from the heart, even when you've had a bad week - you help to spark the enthusiasm and zeal this church so needs.

Blessed are you when you invite and bring people to church services, even when it sometimes makes you uncomfortable to approach them - you are helping this congregation to fulfill the Great Commission.

Blessed are you when you leave our gatherings with the intent of improving your life and benefitting / encouraging the lives of

others - you are helping this church's influence in spreading the light and love of Christ to one and all.

Blessed are you indeed, for the Lord has definitely blessed you and by doing these (and more), you are recognizing Him for that fact and blessing many others in the process.

**“Blessed are those who do His commandments,
that they may have the right to the tree of life,
and may enter through the gates into the city.”**

(Revelation 22:14)

-- Edd Sterchi

Shower in a Basket

Due to covid-19 restrictions we are unable to have a traditional baby shower for **Beth Niehls** so we're doing what we can; we're doin a "Shower in a Basket."

There is a basket on a table at the back beside the electronics desk which is placed there to receive your gifts for Beth, J.J. and their soon to be baby girl. This is the last week. They will be taking the gifts home after services today. (Nov. 8) It's not required that your gifts fit in that little basket ☺. Until young Sarah, Tabitha, Elizabeth, Naomi, Rebekah Niehls is born they have lots of room in their car.

Reading : John 17: 1-20

NEXT WEEK : (November 15, 2020)

Song Leader : Tim

Scripture Reader : J.J.

Table & Announcements : Ron

Final Arrangements :

The final arrangements for Jonathan's uncle, Stanley Rich, are as follows : The funeral will be held on November 23rd at the First Christian Church in Herrick. Visitation will be from 9:00 until 10:30 a.m.. There will be Masonic rites starting at 10:30 and

the funeral will follow at 11:00. Link to His obituary:
<https://www.echovita.com/us/obituaries/il/cowden/stanley-rich-11638250>

**“When there is little awareness of real need,
there is little real prayer.”**

— Donald S. Whitney

Prayer List :

Susan Bowyer : Susan is back in the hospital this week. At this writing she's been transferred to St. John's Hospital in Springfield where she's undergoing a lot of testing/treatment

Bob Stevens : Bob is scheduled for surgery November 16. He will have a 1 in. long polyp removed from his sinus cavity.

Doris Bartanen : Was taken to Decatur Memorial Hospital. She is very weak, unable to stand and a little disoriented. She had a severe bladder infection, but that's not the cause.

Beth Niehls : We are all joining the Niehls family in praying that Miss Beth will have not difficulties in her pregnancy and that she will deliver a healthy baby without complications.

Tim Gaddis : The son of Deloris remains in the Prairie Rose rehabilitation center in Pana and remains unhappy with his circumstances, especially because he cannot have visitors.

Susan Bales : Rosanne's mother is growing progressively weaker. Even a few steps are difficult and her mind is slipping

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

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

Others with ongoing issues :

Doris Faulkner : Rm. 603 in Alzheimer's unit at the Manor and has now been diagnosed with the Wuhan Virus.

Madonna Nichols : Madonna continues to receive chemo every other week to treat her liver cancer.

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and back issues

Kathy Minser : The sister of the Reynolds is not in great shape, but seems to be holding her own, though easily tired

Brenda Stevens : Ongoing painful back issues.

Jerry Rankin : Jerry has multiple serious ongoing issues.

Debbie Adams : Lengthy recovery from severe car accident

*** 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.

