

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

December 20, 2020

Worship God

As the book of Revelation opens, the apostle John had been banished to the island of Patmos *“because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.”* On the Lord’s Day he received a revelation of Jesus Christ. Marvelous indeed are the things which are told! By the time one reaches the nineteenth chapter of the book an angel reveals to John some wonderful things about the marriage supper of the Lamb. John then describes his reaction to the angel: *“Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, ‘You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God.’”*

The call to “worship God” is heard repeatedly throughout the Bible, and believers have responded eagerly, both individually and corporately, because God is worthy of our praise and adoration.

Have you considered how all of us can enhance our corporate worship of God?

Be present. You can’t fellowship an absentee. Let us take sweet counsel together and walk *“unto the house of God in company”* (Psa. 55:14). How beautiful is the picture of the early church in Jerusalem. With one accord they met together.

Invite others. The sincere heart seeks others to join in with him, as did the psalmist: "O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!" (Psa. 95:6)

Be reverent. "Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe" (Hebrews 12:28).

Be involved. Don't just go through the motions. True worship must be done in spirit and in truth. Participate by listening, singing, praying, partaking of the Lord's Supper, and giving liberally. Worship, which is worthy of the name, demands involvement.

"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness" (I Chronicles 16:28).

— John Gipson

*W*anting to be near God

*O*ffering gifts to Him

*R*emembering Jesus' sacrifice

*S*inging praises to the Lord

*H*earing God's word

*I*nspiring us to greater service

*P*raying with the spirit

— Author Unknown

Everything Here Is Temporary

*We brought nothing into the world,
and we can take nothing out of it.*

—1 Timothy 6:7

Cagey advertisers have brainwashed us into believing that happiness is regulated by conditions.

In other words, happiness is determined by such things as health, wealth, or marriage—leaving us wondering why so many healthy, wealthy, married people are miserable.

Our happiness meter doesn't register our level of joy based on how much we make and how much we own.

All—*ALL*—earthly positions are temporary.

Dishwasher or Head Honcho, it's a temporary job.

Shack or mansion, it's temporary housing.

There's no security in the temporary—only in the eternal.

*Some people use up their entire life making money
to enjoy a life they have entirely used up.*

— Joe Barnett

NEXT WEEK : (December 20, 2020)

Song Leader : Greg

Scripture Reader : TBA

Table & Announcements : Jonathan

Birthdays : Deloris Crutcher December 25

Reading : John 17: 1-10 ; Philippians 2: 5-11

Prayer List :

Susan Bowyer : Susan continues to struggle with some of her health issues, but she is now showing significant improvement in that she can walk with her walker and no other assistance. The medicine has her Crohn's disease pretty much under control, but she remains very fatigued from her bout with covid. Many thanks for the prayers, cards, etc.

Beth Niehls : Little girl Niehls is due so we are all joining the Niehls family in praying that Miss Beth will deliver on time and

without difficulty or complications. We're all praying for a healthy baby and a family filled with joy.

Fay Julius : Update .. Ron's mother has fully recovered from her recent infection, but she remains 91 year old so she needs ongoing prayers as she deals with age related issues.

Doris Bartanen : Doris remains in Shelbyville Rehabilitation & Health. The treatment for infection has been successfully completed, but she continues to receive rehabilitation to enable her to walk. Her improvements are incremental, but she seems to be a little stronger physically though she does seem increasingly confused at times. The goal is to graduate to an assisted living facility, but MUCH prayer is needed.

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

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

Others with ongoing issues :

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

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and back issues

Jerry Rankin : Jerry has multiple serious ongoing issues.

Brenda Stevens : Ongoing painful back issues.

Debbie Adams : Lengthy recovery from severe car accident

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

Tim Gaddis : The son of Deloris remain frustrated that he must be in the Prairie Rose Rehabilitation Center in Pana w/o visitors

He Sent What We Need

If our greatest need had been information,
God would have sent us an educator.

If your greatest need had been technology,
God would have sent us a scientist.

If our greatest need had been money,

God would have sent us an economist.
If our greatest need had been pleasure,
God would have sent us an entertainer.
But our greatest need was forgiveness,
so God sent us a Savior.

*** 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.

