

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

January 31, 2021

Three Cheers for Jesus

We often give a hearty “Hip, Hip, Hooray” to one we wish to celebrate or honor. I think we don’t celebrate Jesus enough in our memories, words, and lives. Jesus came to make our lives blessed, joyous, and fruitful (cf. John 10:10). There are several instances in the Scriptures where Jesus said “*Be of good cheer.*” These are well worthy of our study. So let’s look at three cheers from Jesus and give three cheers for Jesus!

The Cheer of Pardon - In the city of Capernaum, Jesus healed a paralytic. As a bonus to the physical healing, Jesus gave him a spiritual healing saying, “*Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you*” (Matt.9:2). How happy he must have been. How happy are you that Jesus has cleansed your sins? Do you thank Him for it, praise Him for it, love Him for it? Without Him, we are lost in our sins. With Him, we are forgiven, pardoned, cleansed. Be of good cheer, our sins are forgiven! Hip, Hip, Hooray for Jesus!

The Cheer of Comfort - Once, the apostles were in a boat on the Sea of Galilee trying to cross to the other side. But the waves were rough, and the wind was contrary. All of the sudden, they saw a figure walking on the water toward them. They cried out in fear. But it was Jesus, and He said to them, “*Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid*” (Matt. 14:27). How comfort-

ing it must have been for them, knowing that Jesus was now near. Does the knowledge of Jesus in your life bring you comfort? We should live in peace knowing that we can go to Him with any trouble, trial, or turmoil of life, and He will give us aid. Be of good cheer, Jesus will never leave us. Hip, Hip, Hooray for Jesus!

The Cheer of Victory - Shortly before His trial and crucifixion, Jesus had gathered His disciples together and was giving them instructions. Part of His words to them were, *"In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world"* (John 16:33). Jesus then went on to overcome death, and in doing so gives us the victory, as well. How ought we to live knowing that death will not have its power over us? We ought to live our lives in confidence, in hope, in praise, in joy! We ought to serve Him with gladness, worship Him exuberantly each day, and tell the world how He saves. Be of good cheer, Jesus has given eternal life. Hip. Hip. Hooray for Jesus!

— Edd Sterchi

Those Pesky Chiggers

A famous explorer set out to explore a part of South America, but was forced to abandon his journey due to an unforeseen obstacle. He was equipped to defeat any leopards, serpents, or crocodiles he might face; but what made him turn back wasn't a large, fierce creature. In fact, it was really small. The thing that forced him to give up was the millions of "chigoes," better known as "chiggers." These bugs are so tiny that they even bear the name "no-see-ums." Someone even wrote a poem about these critters:

Here's to the chigger,
The bug that's no bigger
Than the end of a very small pin.

But the itch that he raises
Simply amazes,
And that's where the rub comes in!



It isn't always that different with our Christian lives. It may not be the "big" sins that cause us to throw in the towel. Sometimes it's the "little" ones we don't even see coming until they are all over us. We typically guard ourselves against things like drugs, stealing, and murder; but when it comes to lying, deceit, and hatred, we don't see them as that big of a threat. In all honesty, sin is sin. We need to make certain that we are not allowing any of it to find a place in our lives. So whether you view something as a "big" sin or a "little" sin, anything that is contrary to the will of God is a sin and we must guard ourselves against it.

– Luke Bower / Old Paths

New Updated Directory

It has been three years since our current congregational directory was published and there have been some changes since then. Some members have been added and the contact information of others has changed. Thus, the elders have recruited three of the ladies to volunteer. All of the fine points have not yet been worked out, but one of these ladies will be contacting you soon so you are asked to kindly provide them with the information they will be asking of you. Alphabetically, these three ladies are : Carla, Deloris and Sherry. One of these ladies will be contacting you soon or they may be circulating a form enquiring about your address, phone numbers, email address, if you text, etc. Thank you for your assistance / participation.

Congratulations to Mitch

For those of you who missed the services last week, we are rejoicing with Mitch. He got a big promotion at work. He not only gets more money, he won't be working weekends. So congratulations to Mitch.

Reading : I Corinthians 2: 6-3:3 ; Philippians 1: 8-11

NEXT WEEK : (February 7, 2021)

Song Leader : Tim

Scripture Reader : Ron

Table & Announcements : Greg

Love covers a multitude of sins, many of them yours.

Prayer List :

Stan Uphoff : Stan's condition is improving. He's not coughing so much any more, but he is sleeping a lot as he recovers.

Susan Bowyer : Though Susan continues to improve. She is getting around some now. In fact, she was able to make it to services last week so our continued prayers are being answered.

Doris Bartanen : Ron Bartanen estimates that it will be two weeks before Doris will be released from Shelbyville Rehabilitation & Health to transfer with him to Mason Point by Sullivan.

Tim Gaddis : The son of Deloris is rejoicing that he is being transferred to Shelbyville. He will be in the Shelbyville Rehabilitation and Health facility, 2116 South 3rd Street where, after a two week isolation, the family will be able to visit him.

Lisa Vanmeter : Gary says his sister appears to be on the road to recovery and thanks you for your prayers.

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Marge, Mary, Doris, Delores, Betty, Pete & Hazel, 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 : Is soon to be transferred to Shelbyville Rehabilitation Center on South 3rd Street.

*** 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.

