

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

May 9, 2021



Son Up !

I watched the sun come up the other day. Needless to say, it was awesome. From where I sat, most of my surroundings were only dimly visible in the pre-dawn light. But, I could see the reddish-orange glow on the horizon and knew the sun would appear at any moment. And then ... there it was, peeking through the leafless trees. Just a sliver at first, but it quickly began to be fully visible. The more I saw of the sun, the more the

dimness around me vanished. How wonderfully things had changed at sun up.

Then it dawned on me how wonderfully things changed at Son up!

Two men were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus late one Sunday afternoon. Even though the sun was still up, their hearts were in darkness. Their hopes for the redemption of Israel had been nailed to a cross when Jesus was crucified just three days earlier. This left them downcast, filled with doubts and uncertainties. So, when a stranger approached them, they couldn't help sharing with him their heartaches and disappointments. They even related to him how some friends had gone to Jesus' tomb earlier that morning and found it empty. They were at a total loss about what to do.

Fortunately for them, that stranger turned out to be Jesus. Beginning with Moses and the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. A short time later, as they were breaking bread with Jesus, their eyes were opened. They were no longer in the dark. The Son had risen, now they understood it, now they could see! Even though it was dark outside, they hurried back to Jerusalem to tell their friends that the Lord had risen! The Son is up! Now there's hope! (*Luke 24:13-35*).

Nothing cheers the heart more than the resurrection of Jesus. It gives substance to faith, victory over sin, and purpose to life (*1 Cor. 15:12-19*). Jesus' blood frees us from the guilt of sin, but it's Jesus' resurrection that gives us hope for life (*Romans 6:3-10*). Jesus came to be life and light for all (*John 1:4*).

The challenge is for us to open our eyes to the light. It may only be a sliver at first, but eventually you can be filled with all the fullness of God (*Eph. 4:12-15*). As the light of Jesus grows within you, darkness and doubt will be replaced with faith and hope and peace. You'll want to tell everyone about it.

How wonderfully your life will change when you see the Son!

— Joe Chesser

It's Still in My Bible

*[Whoever] does not abide in the
doctrine of Christ does not have God.*

— 2 John 9

In 1820, ex-president Thomas Jefferson took a razor blade and sliced out portions of the New Testament that he found distasteful. He deleted all miracles—including the resurrection.

Jefferson defended religious rebellion. Religion is “a matter between every man and his maker, in which no other, & far less the public, [has] a right to intermeddle,” he wrote.

That viewpoint—especially on moral issues—got legs in the last quarter of the 20th century and became shrilly public in the 21st. “How I live my life is none of your business!” “Don’t judge me!” “Leave me alone!”

Many celebrities, politicians, courts—and yes, churches—have signed on as permissive defenders.

Check to see if Romans 1:24-27, 32, and 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 are still in your Bible. They are still in mine.

*A cut-and-paste Bible is an insult
to the authentic Author.*

— Joe Barnett

Marriage Improvement Seminar

May 28th and 29th

**Clinton Church of Christ.
5450 Evans R. , Clinton Illinois**

“You’re song My Song”

Keeping the music in your marriage.

(For details pick up a card from the back table)

Reading : I Thessalonians 5: 1-11 ; Hebrews 6: 13-20

NEXT WEEK : (May 16, 2021)

Song Leader : Greg

Scripture Reader : Ron

Table & Announcements : Jonathan

**"Only God can turn :
A mess into a message.
A test in to a testimony.
A trial into a triumph.
A victim into a victory."**

Prayer List :

Wayne : I've been asked a lot of questions, so here it is: my cancer is of the slow moving variety. Thus, the committee of doctors has decided that, in view of my other issues, treating the cancer would present a greater risk than just letting it go.

Susan Bales : Rosanne's mother continues to grow weaker.

Mike Nickles : Bro. Mike is laid up with severe tooth ache.

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

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

Others with ongoing issues :

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

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and ongoing back issues

Jerry Rankin : Jerry has multiple serious ongoing issues.

Tim Gaddis : Recovering from a stroke at the Rehab facility

Brenda Stevens : Ongoing painful back issues.

Debbie Adams : Lengthy recovery from severe car accident

Mary Julius : (*sister-in-law of Ron*) Recovering from stroke

Susan Bales : Rosanne's mother is growing weaker.

*** 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.

