

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

June 27, 2021



A good home is such a wonderful place. It seems that we are always wanting to go home. And we especially love being home for the holidays. In fact, there is a traditional song that testifies to that fact. What is it that is so great about home? Let's note a few of them through an acrostic. And since the church is our heavenly home on the earth (Eph. 2:19), these will certainly apply there, as well.

Harmony - How marvelous it is when family members get along with each other. When this happens, the times together are cherished and memorable. This is also true with the church family. *"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity"* (Psa. 133:1).

Optimism - A good home is desired, in part, because of the positive nature it presents. Everyone enjoys being together in a home where there is lots and lots of cheerfulness and sunniness. Without a doubt, this is true of a church home, also.

“Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.” (Heb. 3:6).

Mercy - Home is the place where bountiful forgiveness is offered. The best homes are the ones that demonstrate agape love for one another, which always leads to overlooking shortcomings. There should be copious amounts of love and forgiveness in the Lord's church, as well. *“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.” (Eph. 4:32).*

Encouragement - Another of the reasons we enjoy being part of a wonderful home is the strength and inspiration that we receive. It is where we can get great encouragement to keep on keeping on. The church home should also be a place of boosting one another. *“Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing” (1 Thess. 5:11).*

— Edd Sterchi

Building Up the “Building”

Of course we know that the physical building where we meet is not the church, the people of God are the church. In fact, Eph. 2:19-22 states that not only is the church (the people) the “whole building” but also it is a building in progress (“grows”, “being built together”). This got me to thinking: When does this “building” of the church take place? I believe that it happens when we gather together as a church. Notice, for example:

*** When we gather together, our knowledge is “built up.”** We study the Scriptures and learn more about God's holy will. We learn about properly living Christian lives and how to express Christ in everything we do (2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Pet. 1:5-8).

*** When we gather together, our faith is “built up.”** By interacting with one another, we strengthen each other's faith, making each more mature and productive in the Lord's kingdom (Eph. 3:14-21; 2 Pet. 3:18).

*** When we gather together, our love and respect for the brethren are “built up.”** The more we get together, the stronger our bond of love becomes. The stronger our love for one another,

the more we help each other, continuing the building process (1 John 3:11, 23; 4:7, 11-12).

*** When we gather together, our zeal is “built up.”** The smiles and excitement I see on folks’ faces is always heartwarming, encouraging, and contagious. No one can pick me up like a loving brother or sister in Christ (Rom. 1:11-12; 2 Cor. 9:2).

*** When we gather together, our hope is “built up.”** Coming together apart from the world helps to remind us of our common goal - heaven. Together it is much easier to recall that “our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness” (Heb. 6:19-20; 1 Pet. 1:3-5, 13-16).

The church (the people of God) is the building of God, built upon Jesus Christ. We have a responsibility to be continually building each other up. “Therefore comfort each other and edify one another” (1 Thess. 5:11, note: “edify” means “to build up”).

– Edd Sterchi

All I Meant To Do

When I was young like you,
I, too, was fond of boasting
Of all I meant to do.
But while I fell a-dreaming
Along the pleasant way,
Before I scarcely knew it,
I found it was **today!**

And as today so quickly
My little course has run,
I had not time to finish
One-half the things begun.
Would I could try it over,
But I can ne’er go back;
A yesterday forever
I now must be alack!

And so, my good tomorrow,
If you would make a name,

That history shall cherish
Upon its roll of fame,
Be all prepared and ready
Your noblest part to play
In those new fleeting hours
Which you shall call "today".

--Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations

NEXT WEEK : (July 4, 2021)

Song Leader : **Stan**

Scripture Reader : **Ron**

Table & Announcements : **Tim**

Birthday : Sherry Clark July 1

Anniversary : Jonathan and Mary Niehls . . . June 29

Reading : **Psalms #32: 1-11 ; I John 1: 5-10**

Prayer List :

Mary Niehls : Miss Mary had a stress test which showed some irregularity in her heart. Therefore, she is scheduled for a heart catheterization on Monday. Special prayers for her.

Ellen Funburg : Recovery from surgery is going very well.

Joe Lohr: Thanks to good medicine and an abundance of prayers Niehls' son-in-law's Crohn's disease is under control.

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Marge, Mary, 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

*** 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.

