

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

As we begin again

Today marks the very first, first day of the week in the year of our Lord, 2015. I'm excited about what this year holds for us here at Whitehall! We have so many things to give thanks for! First and foremost, we have the gift of God's Son interceding for us at the Father's right hand. We have His Spirit living inside of us leading us closer and closer to Him. We've spent quite a bit of time pouring over scriptures concerning Christ Jesus lately. The more I talk about the Christ the greater appreciation I have for what He did for me at the cross. If I have Christ with me and Christ in me, I have COMPLETE salvation! In the flesh we will fail, make mistakes and flounder. In the spirit we are made alive. We need to praise our God for bringing us out of our Egypt, so that he can bring us to our Promise Land. God is our peace, our rest and our victory over the world. How much do you long for the presence of Jesus in your life? On the flip side, what would it be like if the presence of Christ was no longer felt in your life? Jesus' disciples loved Jesus. They clung to him and with all their failings, they delighted in Him. Remember the time Jesus went up to the mountain to pray as his disciples were sent to cross the sea alone? As a storm arose they toiled, rowed and labored but the wind was against them, they made no progress and were in danger of perishing. I can imagine them thinking, "If only Jesus were here!" They missed Him! At one other time they had been in a storm and Jesus had said, 'Peace, be still' and all was well. But, here they are in darkness, danger and peril and Jesus is nowhere in sight. What's intriguing about this particular time is that when Jesus DOES enter their presence, they're afraid not only of the sea's condition, they're also afraid of Jesus' presence. Is this not typical of us as well? Do we not seek solace from God only to have him answer as we cower in fear of his deliverance? Pray for God's abiding Spirit and don't be afraid of all that entails as we begin this New Year.

Have a blessed day and remember the One who gave it to you!

Kevin

Good Morning!

Prayer Requests

- ♥Please continue to keep Keith Kisner in your prayers. He and Marsha could certainly use cards of encouragement. Their mailing address is:
2215 Plum Run Road, Mannington, WV 26582
- ♥Edwina Summers is still in need of prayers as they try get her into the Cleveland Clinic in the near future.
- ♥Jim Reszler is now home from the hospital. They are very thankful for all of your prayers!

News & Notes

Sunset International Bible Institute – We will resume classes on Thursday, January 8th from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM. Topic of study will be Jeremiah & Acts. Everyone welcome. For more info, please see Darrell Conaway.

Baby Shower – There will be a Baby Shower in honor of Mandy Rennix on Sunday, January 18th immediately following the morning service. She is having a boy. All ladies are welcome to attend. For more information, please see Pam Jackson.

Snow Policy – The Elders have decided that if Marion County schools cancel or have an early release on Wednesday's this winter, we will not have Wednesday evening service. They want everyone to be safe and not be on the roads traveling.

Congratulations – We would like to congratulate Brenda Grant and David Born on their recent marriage. We wish you much happiness as you begin your lives together.