## ~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

## Taking that next step

Many people argue, 'I do believe in Christ. I believe in the Church, and I believe in the Bible. Isn't that enough?' Don't my beliefs, my knowledge and my desire carry enough weight to be found acceptable in the eyes of God? I can answer these questions with one word: No! It's not enough for us to possess knowledge. It's not enough for us to simply believe: (Even the demons fear God after believing He exists and tremble! James 2: 19) Desire is good, but desire in and of itself is not enough for us to inherit eternal life. Each of these aspects is good; they're all essential and vital, but we also must RECEIVE Christ; we must RECEIVE the indwelling of the Holy Spirit by taking Christ on in baptism. Allow me, if you would, to share an illustration. I may go to the airport. I have a reservation; I have a ticket in my pocket. The plane is on the ramp. It is a huge plane capable of carrying numerous passengers to various places all around the world. I am certain that it has the ability to take me to my destination. They call the flight number three times and yet, I choose not to get on board. They close the door. The plane taxis down the runway and takes off, but I have not boarded the plane. Why? I 'believed' in the plane, I knew the plane was there; I knew the plane had the ability to get me to my destination; I had a reservation; I had every opportunity to act upon what I knew was true, but I neglected to get on board. We can believe in God, Christ, the Bible, and the Church - but if we have neglected to actually *connect* with Him in the waters of baptism to have our sins remitted we are still lost! If this is where you are, your belief has been an end that has justified your means, and you have not entrusted yourself to Him. If this is where you are, why not take the opportunities presented to you today by giving your life to the Lord Jesus Christ? Go ahead, take that step of faith and climb aboard!

y and remember the One who gave it to you! - Kevin

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## Hello!

# We are so happy to have you here this morning!

Worship Order - Sunday March 22, 2015

Bible Class

Opening Song - #163 "His Name Is Wonderful"

Dismissal Prayer

Worship Assembly

Song #155 "Highest Place"

Announcements

Song #689 "Be Still My Soul"

Prayer

Song - #287 "There Is A Redeemer"

Lord's Supper/Collection

Song - #622 "Ring Out The Message"

Song - #968 "Oh, They Tell Me Of A Home"

Morning Lesson

Invitation Song - #786 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Closing Song - #66 - "Doxology"

Dismissal Prayer

#### News and Notes

**Wedding Shower** - Everyone is invited to join Mr & Mrs. David & Brenda Grant Born to celebrate their recent marriage immediately following morning services TODAY. This will be a money tree/gift card shower. Everyone welcome!

Spaghetti Dinner for Cuba Mission Trip - Make plans now to join us for a Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction to raise money for the Cuba Mission Team. Date: 3/29/15 Time: Immediately after morning services Where: WH CoC Fellowship Hall Dinner cost: \$10/adults \$5/children Several items will be available for silent auction. Toll House Pies Fudge Candles Jewelry Handmade crocheted items and MORE .... NOTE: If you have something to donate for the silent auction, please see Marsha Sparks. Also, be looking for a sign-up sheet to donate desserts, breads, salads, & drinks for the dinner. Event Coordinator: Marsha Sparks

<u>Cuba Mission Yard Sale</u> — There will be a yard sale to benefit the Cuba Mission trip on May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please place all donations for the yard sale in the Upper Fellowship Hall. WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING ADULT CLOTHES. Any questions, please see Deb Carpenter.