

## ~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

### *When Life seems Disjointed*

*“Then I went down to the potter’s house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.” Jeremiah 18:3-4*

Face it...we all have days that we believe we can anticipate everyone’s next move; when we fearlessly face whatever comes next. Then there are days when nothing seems to go right, when the day seems completely disjointed and irregular. Where’s God when life seems so disconnected? The Prophet Jeremiah reveals a truth for us we often overlook. As I read through this passage in Jeremiah, I noted that the vessel the potter “*made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter*”. In **His** hand—not mine. He was forming and shaping. He was designing and working into me the design as **He** saw fit, the depth and width of **His** choosing. As He worked, the vessel was marred. So He started from scratch! He started over again and made “another vessel”. This concept is very difficult for us to understand. Just like a computer, sometimes God ‘reboots’ our lives. We need to be reminded that God’s transforming grace does not end at the moment we take Jesus on in baptism. God is constantly molding (us) His vessel for His plan and purpose. As HIS vessel, it really doesn’t matter whether we’re used to hold water, display flowers or even sit empty gathering dust on the shelf. God is using us. We may not know how; we may wonder if we have been forgotten because the spot in which He has placed us seems a wasted space, without activity. Remind yourself that these kind of thoughts focus on *ourselves* rather than our Lord. Whenever you feel disjointed or disconnected remind yourself that God’s plan and purpose for your life doesn’t need your understanding in order to find fulfillment! All He needs is our willingness to accept HIS direction for our lives.

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

*Kevin*

# Happy Fourth of July Weekend!

## *Prayer Requests*

♥Please keep the following folks in your prayers: Jim Reszler, Sharon Little, Jerry Kerns, Keith Kisner, Edwina Summers, Kim Dumire, the Osborne family, Harold Phillips, Peggy Miller and Noah Miller.

♥Brenda Tonkery has requested prayers for her nephew, Corbin. He is 18 months old and has a severe bladder infection. He is at Duke University and is on a strong antibiotic and morphine.

♥Edwina Summers had her appointment in Pittsburgh this past week. The cardiologist report was good. She is still on the transplant list but her condition is stable at this time. Please continue prayers.

♥Stephanie (Tonkery) Stadelman has been sick with a bacterial infection from her recent trip to Jamaica. She is on a strong antibiotic. Please keep her in prayer.

## *News and Notes*

**Teen Lock-In** – There will be a Teen Lock-In here on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please see Joel.

**West Virginia Christian Youth Camp** – If your child would like to attend church camp, please be sure to fill out the form and return to Kevin ASAP. The forms are located on the table in the foyer near the Library. If there is a financial hardship, please do not let this keep your child from attending! The Elders will sponsor children so that all can go. Please see Kevin or one of the Elders. This will be kept confidential.

**Cookies Needed** – We are in need of cookies for church camp. If you would like to donate cookies, please have them here by Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> and give them to Marsha Sparks. Also, we are needing individuals to volunteer to cook at camp. Please see Marsha for more details.

**Cuba Mission Trip** – The Cuba Mission Team will be leaving on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at the church building at 12:00 Noon for a luncheon and prayer. Everyone is encouraged to come and spend some time with the before they depart. They will be gone from July 18<sup>th</sup> – July 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Nursery School** is in need of used kitchen cabinets. If you, or someone you know, has done a recent remodel and has cabinets they would like to donate, we would love to have them!

Also, the Nursery School is in need of nice riding toys such as tractors with pedals, toy lawn mowers, sand box toys such as shovels, small pails, dump trucks, etc. These