

## ~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

### *Time to reconnect...*

A few months ago our shepherds, along with their wives, and our deacons, along with their wives got together to discuss how we can better serve the needs of our church family. We had a great time of fellowship, prayer and conversation. As we discussed what seemed to be the most relevant issues to address, the one that continually came to the top of the list was our concern over folks who are no longer here. The reason why this weighed so heavy on our hearts is because we've been listening to the concerns of each and every one of you.

Typically when the preacher comes to visit, he comes to offer prayer on behalf of the family in time of crisis or to give encouragement to draw closer to God. When some people see the preacher standing at their front door, they incur guilt feelings for not being more committed. You all know me well enough to know I don't wish to guilt anyone to serve the Lord, but I do become concerned when I witness less commitment on the part of folks who've been taught to know differently. And, so...here's my plea. If you truly are concerned about certain folks no longer attending our services, I pray you pick up the phone and give them a call. Let them know things aren't the same when they're not here. I know its summer and I know folks travel more this time of year, but everyone needs to know they're loved and missed when not here. If you'd rather send a card, do so. Listen to the words of Paul in Romans 15: *"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with ONE mind and ONE voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."* The only way we can be unified in mind and voice is to spend time together. Encourage each other, and so much the more, as you see the day approaching of our Lord's return!

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

*Kevin*

# Good Morning!

## *Songs of Praise*

- 97 I Sing Praises
- Announcements
- 300 Praise Him! Praise Him!
- 626 Christ for the World We Sing
- Prayer
- 316 Jesus Paid It All
- Communion
- 659 I Love to Tell the Story
- Sermon
- 943 Do You Know My Jesus?
- 628 Will You Not Tell It Today?

## **Ladies Night Out!**

There will be a Ladies Night Out this evening immediately following our evening service. We will be going to Dairy Creme Corner! All ladies are welcome to attend. If you have questions, please see Marsha Sparks or Dianne Tonkery.

## *News and Notes*

**Mountaineer Christians Youth Camp** begins THIS EVENING. If you've not mailed in your registration, please make sure to obtain a copy of the registration on the back table in the foyer. Marsha Sparks has requested cookies for camp. Make sure cookies make it TO camp so Kevin doesn't eat them beforehand... ☺

**Nursery School Giving Tree** – There are many items on the "Giving Tree" located in the front foyer next to the Library. These are items that are needed to get our Nursery School started again soon. Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping with this great ministry! With your help we are able to keep the tuition costs down so that everyone can afford to send their children. If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, you may do so by seeing Edwina Summers or Dianne Tonkery. May God bless you!!

**Teachers, Elders & Deacons Workshop** – The workshop will be Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at Ohio Valley University. Please see Kevin for more info.