

# ~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

## *We bring the 'sacrifice' of praise?*

As one who enjoys praising God through song, it was somewhat of an enigma (at least to me) as to why we have a hymn in our books titled "We bring the sacrifice of praise". (For those interested in checking it out, it's number fifty four). It really didn't make much sense to consider praise toward God as being a sacrifice. But after looking a little deeper into it, I wanted to share a couple of observations with you as to what I've learned.

In the first place, the implication shows that this praise is a *continual* praise, which means we're called to praise God at ALL times; in good times, bad times and in-between times. It's not much of a sacrifice to praise God when things are good, but let your life start unraveling at the seams and see how easy it is then!

Listen to what Paul says in Philippians 4: 6f, "Do not be anxious about ANYTHING, but in EVERY situation, (notice this...) by PRAYER and PETITION, with THANKSGIVING, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends ALL understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Thanksgiving involves praise!! Those things we allow ourselves to become anxious about seem to vaporize when we turn our attention to praising God through thanksgiving. So, the next time you work at justifying in your minds a reason to gripe or complain, pause long enough to pray and ask God to put a song in your heart. Once He presents you with a song, let it out!!! Sing that song back to your heavenly Father in thanksgiving for what He's about to do for you. The more we praise, the less we complain and the easier our sacrifice of praise becomes much less of a sacrifice!

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

*Kevin*

### Prayer Request:

Kathie Clayton has requested prayers for friends, Gary & Paula Keefer, of Beaver Falls, PA. Gary has ALS and is need of your prayers.

## Worship Order – Sunday September 6, 2015

Bible Class

Opening Song - #2 "We Praise Thee O God"

Dismissal Prayer

Worship Assembly

Song #74 "Praise The Lord"

Announcements

Song #300 "Praise Him, Praise Him"

Prayer

Song #346 "He Lives"

Lord's Supper

Offering

Song #316 "Jesus Paid It All"

Morning Lesson

Invitation Song - #912 "Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary"

Closing Song - #290 "Shine Jesus Shine"

Dismissal Prayer

\* Song Selections By Bud Lipscomb

## *News and Notes*

You are invited to attend a seminar on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September in New Bethel PA to learn how to help people going through times of grief, loss or crisis. If you are interested in attending, please see Kevin.

Senior Saints Luncheon – There will be a luncheon for all Seniors age 60 and older on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> immediately following the morning service. If you are UNDER the age 60 and would like to help provide food, please see the sign-up sheet on the back table in the auditorium or see Pam Jackson, Marsha Sparks or Dianne Tonkery for more information. Also, there is a sign-up sheet for those who plan to attend. Please be sure to sign so that we can prepare the accurate amount of food.

Ladies Inspiration Day – All ladies are invited to attend a Ladies Inspiration Day at the Pumpkin Center Church of Christ on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Time to be announced. Guest Speaker: Janie Craun, Editor of Christian Woman Magazine. She is from Nashville, TN.

Senior Saints Trip - If anyone is interested in joining our seniors for a train ride on the Tygart Flyer (Friday October 16<sup>th</sup>) please see Kevin. Reservations must be made by this week to assure seating. This is a 46 mile, 4 hour trip up the Cheat. The train will depart the Elkins depot at 11 AM on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Save the Date – Our annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to Dave & Holly White for heading this up! We are in need of volunteers. If you can help in any way, please see them ASAP.

## **Whitehall Nursery School**

There are a few openings left in our Nursery School program. If you have a child that you would like to enroll, please contact Edwina Summers at 304-265-2085 or call the school at 304-368-0300. Children must be three years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> and potty trained.