

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

An inevitable truth

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Isaiah 40: 6-8

It was with shock and sadness that I received two calls last week about the passing of both Jerry Kerns & Joann Matheny. Jerry was a person I considered a close friend. We chatted over a variety of issues more than once. Jo was one of the sweetest ladies I've ever had the privilege of knowing. There are certain people one looks forward to visiting because of how you feel once you leave their presence. Jo was one of those people. Although my schedule allowed me to officiate Jerry's service, it saddened me that I was unable to preside over Jo's funeral.

The passing of these two people brings to mind an inevitable truth: not one of us will get out of this world alive! Death comes to us all: young, old, middle-aged; everyone... it stands to reason, then, that we should want to do everything in our power to make sure our standing with our God is what it ought to be. Although Jerry "knew the score", I don't imagine Jo woke up last week and thought, "well, today I'll go be with the Lord." Her passing was a shock; not only to Lynn & Elsie but to each one of us who received word that she was gone. The writer of Hebrew reminds us that it's appointed unto man to die and after that comes the Judgment. All of us need to be reminded from time to time of the inevitability of death. It comes to us all. Are you ready to meet your Lord face to face should He come today? Would you stand before Him in confidence if (for some unknown reason) you died tonight? The relationship we share with our God is one we should never neglect. If things aren't right with Him, make them right: TODAY!

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

Kevin

Welcome!

News and Notes

Save the Date – Our annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 24th. 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.

Ladies Retreat – October 9 & 10 at Parchment Valley Conference Center in Ripley (the same place as last year). Marsha is in need of volunteers to help with the following: someone to coordinate sessions, worship leader, decorate, coordinate three meals (Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch). Marsha has notes from last year that may be helpful in planning if someone needs to see them. Please contact Marsha ASAP if you can help. She also needs to know if you plan to attend. If we do not get enough ladies interested, we will have to cancel the retreat.

Prayer Requests

- ♥Continue to lift up Keith, Marsha and Reagan Kisner in your prayers as Keith's health worsens.
- ♥Prayers are extended to the families of Jerry Kerns and Joann Matheny. Services for Jerry and Joann were held last week.
- ♥Prayers have been requested for Bob and Holly Casto's granddaughter. Bobbi Jean's baby has suffered complications and the family requests we pray for them.
- ♥Keep Margret Brand in your prayers as she goes through her cancer treatments.
- ♥Prayers have been requested for the Shaffer family.
- ♥Joel asks that we keep his sister-in-law's (Mindy and Marge) in our prayers as they have both dealt with cancer.
- ♥Please pray for Arlene Summers as the doctors continue to run tests to determine what is causing her to have serious vertigo issues.
- ♥Mary Titchenell is in need of our prayers. Doctors have determined her thyroid is indeed enlarged and that she has a goiter, which, instead of growing out is growing in.
- ♥Continue to keep Edwina Summers and Kim Dumire in your prayers.

Bible Scramble

Bible Scramble answer to last week's puzzle:

He that despiseth his neighbor sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he. Do they not err that devise evil? But mercy and truth shall be to them that devise good. Proverbs 14:21-22

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