

# ~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

## *A call to obedience*

Sometimes we're tempted to say, "I really want to follow Jesus, but I'm just not feeling it right now." To make such an important decision one mustn't use feelings as a master to follow, one must use decision. We decide to follow Jesus; not because of confidence in ourselves but because of our confidence in Jesus. In Psalm 132: 3-5, David made a decision. He couldn't see himself doing anything without first making God the center of his life: "*I will not enter my house or get into my bed, I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob.*" Discipleship of this magnitude calls for obedience. I've heard folks exclaim: "The bible is just too difficult to understand." For the disobedient, the bible isn't simply too difficult to understand, it's practically *impossible* to understand because the unbeliever knows that to take God at His word is to relinquish control over his/her own life. Cheap grace says, "God has forgiven me so I can live any which way I choose." Grace that comes from the sacrifice God made to the world through His Son reminds me that as beautiful as this life can be, nothing is more important than my relationship to Jesus Christ. Grace is free, but it's anything but cheap.

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

***Pleasant Acres Annual Turkey Dinner***  
***Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Pleasant Valley Fire Department***  
***Take Out from 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM***  
***Sit Down Dinner from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM***  
***Cost: \$8.00***  
***This is a very good meal and benefits***  
***Pleasant Acres Christian Haven***

## *News and Notes*

**Family Night Out** - We will be going on our LAST trip to Dairy Creme Corner this evening immediately following services. This is the last day they will be open. Everyone is welcome. It is a Dutch Treat.

**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.

**HOPE Domestic Violence Shelter** – It's time for our HOPE drive that we do every year! There are many items on the Giving Tree that are needed. Please bring these items in by Sunday, October 25. If you would rather give a monetary donation to help purchase items, please see Tanya Robe or Dianne Tonkery and they will shop for the items. We will deliver the boxes ASAP. The shelter looks forward to receiving these boxes to give out to the woman and children. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## *Prayer Requests*

- ♥Continue to pray for Keith Kisner, Edwina, Margret Brand, the Shaffers', Roslyn Tidd, and Kim Dumire.
- ♥Brenda Tonkery recently broke her ankle.
- ♥Charlie & Diane Postlethwait were recently involved in a vehicular accident in Texas. Although a little banged up, they both appear to be okay.
- ♥Toni Brainard (Kevin & Mary's niece) had her baby. Eli's baby brother, Leo, came into this world 10 lb and 3 oz on Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup>.
- ♥Betty Jo has asked that we keep her sister Sharon Little in our prayers. There is a rash forming on her chest which is probably the result of her malignancy. Sharon has battled cancer for quite some time and we need to continually lift her up in prayer.
- ♥Pray for our military men and women as they protect and serve our nation.
- ♥Prayers are requested for the family of Flo McCarty. Flo passed away last week and her services were held on Thursday. Flo was a member of the Bridgeport Church of Christ.
- ♥Congratulations to the granddaughter of Phil and Jean Phillips! Amy was recently awarded the International Reading Counsel Award.