

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

I really didn't know what to expect...

As is my custom, I include some thoughts I've had this previous week in the bulletin. Today is no different. I'll be sharing some thoughts with you in regard to this special day, our Friend Day. It may be that before darkening the threshold of the front door you didn't know what to expect in visiting us. If I may, allow me to ease your concerns. The people you'll see today are made up of pretty much the same kind of folks you'll find in any group of people. We've got our friendly, happy, and loving folks and we have some who may not seem as friendly, happy or loving. We're a diverse group, coming from varied backgrounds that are at different stages of knowledge and spiritual growth. We readily admit that we don't know everything; that we don't always do things right...that we don't always treat each other as we should; that we haven't *arrived*—but that we're simply on the journey (together). We aren't brought here by any illusion of our perfection or righteousness. We were brought together by our recognition that we are sinners in need of the cleansing blood of Jesus. That's the reason we can worship together, stick together, and with God's help, accomplish some things that make a difference. You won't have to look very far to find failures, but the bottom line is that you will find people who love Jesus, who are dedicated to His Word, and who do their level best to adhere to His teachings. Thanks for sharing this special day with us. It means SO MUCH to have you worship our Creator alongside us! Stick around after the conclusion of the services today. Join us in our lower fellowship hall. Break bread with us. The only thing you're required to bring is yourself and an appetite! We love having you here, and we want to express our appreciation by sharing ourselves with you.

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

Kevin

Wonderful News!! Katie Hashman, granddaughter of Rick & Lorina Kemble, received her biopsy report last week and it is benign! She has a bone deformity and will be monitored regularly. They would like to thank everyone for your prayers on Katie's behalf.

Good Morning & Welcome!

Thank you for visiting with us today! You are our honored guest. Please be sure to sign the Guest Book located in the front foyer. Please take a moment to visit our "Caring Corner" also in the front foyer. There you will find visitor packets, free Bibles as well as many other items. It is our prayer that you leave here this morning feeling uplifted and closer to God. We hope you will join us for a Covered Dish Luncheon immediately following services this morning in the Lower Fellowship Hall. Please come back soon!

Prayer Requests

- ♥Please continue to keep Kim Dumire in your prayers. She started her chemo treatments this past week.
- ♥Continue to pray for: Keith Kisner, Sharon Little, Harold Phillips, Edwina Summers, Buck Osborne, Julie Osborne, Noah Miller, Jr., Peggy Miller, & John Heck.
- ♥Becky McCoy received a good report from her doctor appointment at UPMC.
- ♥Jerry Kerns is in UHC.
- ♥Sarena Croy received the results from her recent tests and they were not as good as she was hoping. She will be having another procedure in the very near future. Please continue to pray for Sarena that she gets good results.

News and Notes

Covered Dish Luncheon TODAY immediately following the morning service. Everyone welcome! We will not be having evening services today.

Church Directory – We will begin taking pictures today for the updated church directory. If you would like yours taken today, please go to the room next to the library. Also, all updated information sheets are due in TODAY. If you have questions, please see Marsha Sparks.

Graduating Seniors – If you or your child will be graduating high school or college this spring, please let Dianne know by April 19th. She will need a wallet size photo for the bulletin and 12 pictures for the slide show. If you have questions, please see Dianne Tonkery.

Whitehall Nursery School is currently taking registrations for the 2015-2016 school year. If you have a child that would like to attend, they must be three years old by September 1st and potty trained. If you would like more information, please contact Edwina Summers at 304-368-0300 or 304-265-2085.

Cuba Mission Yard Sale – There will be a yard sale to benefit the Cuba Mission trip on May 2nd at the Whitehall Community Pavilion. Please place all donations for the yard sale in the Upper Fellowship Hall. WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING ADULT CLOTHES. Any questions, please see Deb Carpenter.

Thank You!

"Thank You" to Dave Tonkery for working so hard on the roof. It is now fixed! Thanks so much for all you do, Dave!!