

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

Launch, already!

Imagine the trepidation experienced by the priests as they started walking with the Ark of the Covenant into the water toward the Promised Land. The text says God was heaping the water upstream, which meant they would have been heading into flood-stage water waiting for it to recede enough not to drown. One of the biggest reasons Christians fail to launch out into the 'deep' waters of faith is because we hesitate. We pause long enough to consider the consequences of our actions without taking into consideration as to how powerful God's Holy Spirit is to the Christian! God stopped the Jordan River waters above the priests. They had to acknowledge that God was going to keep His end of the bargain! The courage of vision is to say "Lord if that is you let me come to you walking on the water." The courage of vision is to say "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." The courage of vision is to say "If God be for us, who can be against us." The courage of vision is to say "The trials of this life are not worthy to be compared with the glory of the next life." Don't you see it, church? If we (by child-like faith) submit ourselves to Almighty God there's no way we can lose! Depend less on your inability to swim and more on your willingness to take a plunge into the churning waters of doubt and fear to rescue another from spiritual death!

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

Songs of Praise

- #15 "Step by Step"
- #238 "You are the Song that I Sing"
- #239 "In Moments Like These"
- #273 "More Precious than Silver"
- #354 "I Gave My Life for Thee"
- #648 "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus"
- #387 "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"
- #639 "Rescue the Perishing"
- #557 "Rise Up, O Men of God"

Good Morning!

Upcoming Events

- **Praise Singing Appreciation Class** – Beginning on Sunday, April 13th at 5:00 an instructional singing class will be conducted. Topics will include: Singing harmony parts, proper keying of songs, singing using shape notes, introduction of new songs, etc. Class is open to everyone – not just song leaders. Contact Ed Carpenter for more info.
- **Senior's Luncheon** – There will be a luncheon in honor of all seniors age 60 and older TODAY immediately following morning services.
- **Work Day** – We will be having a Work Day on Saturday, April 19th beginning at 9:30 AM to start spring cleaning on the church building. Please bring your own bucket. We need lots of volunteers. For more information, please see Dave Tonkery.
- **Ladies Inspiration Day** – There will be a Ladies Day at the Pumpkin Center Church of Christ on Saturday, April 26th. Speaker is Megan Currey. Theme: "The Unseen Woman".
- **India Report** – Harry Summers will be here on Sunday evening, April 27th to give a report on his recent mission trip to India.
- **Friend Day** is Sunday, May 4th. Please mark your calendars and start inviting your friends and family!
- **Relay for Life** - Due to scheduling conflicts, the Relay for Life Dinner and Auction originally planned for May, has been canceled. If anyone would like to make donations to the Whitehall Warriors Relay team or the American Cancer Society, please give your donations to Brenda Grant or Marsha Sparks.
- **Vacation Bible School** – If you would like to help with VBS, please see Mary or Kevin ASAP. VBS is June 8th – 12th from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM.

News & Notes

Attention Graduates: If you are graduating High School or College, please let Dianne know ASAP. We need 12 photos for the slide show and a wallet photo for the bulletin. These are due in by April 20th. The photos will be returned to you. This is for graduates who attend this congregation

Prayer Requests ♥

- ♥ Carl Shaffer had knee surgery on Wednesday and is now recovering at home.
- ♥ Prayers have been requested for Rob Conaway, cousin of Darrell Conway. He has cancer in his blood and begins treatments tomorrow.
- ♥ Prayers have been requested for Kevin Rogers; husband of one of Joan McDaniel's co-workers. Kevin had 4 bypasses in a recent surgery.
- ♥ Continue prayers for Edwina Summers.
- ♥ A great nephew to Gary Clayton was involved in a mining accident last week. He has been released from the hospital but suffered some serious injury.
- ♥ Also, please keep our nursery school teachers, students and families in your prayers