

## ~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

### *Chastisement & Deliverance: God's remedy for waywardness*

One of the saddest sections of all scripture is when God's word tells us: "*Then the sons of the Israelites once again did evil in the eyes of the Lord.*" We've reached the book of Judges in our chronological march through the bible. Joshua dies and God's people believe they know what's best in that they gradually drift into darkness again and again. God raises up Judges to lead them back into the light of God's fellowship. Think, for just a second as to how the Israelites must have felt when being oppressed by those to whom God sent to chastise them. Can't you hear the cries? "*Why should we be treated like this?*" "*How could God allow this nation to overtake God's very own people?*" Could it be that the chastisement the Israelites felt was the result of God looking out after their own best interest? Couldn't the same be said of us today? The typical view of the Christian life is our desire of being delivered from all adversity. In reality, it actually means being delivered IN adversity, which is something entirely different. Just because we've pledged our lives to Christ doesn't mean we won't incur hardship. Jesus reminds His disciples: "*In the world you WILL have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I've overcome the world*" *John 16:33*. Remember, Christian, God doesn't give us overcoming life—He gives us life as we overcome! The strain of life is what builds our strength. No strain = no strength. It shouldn't surprise us: the only way to become stronger physically is to exercise our bodies (sometimes even to the point of exhaustion). The same is true of the spiritual life. When you continually give of yourself spiritually, you will receive more strength! Remember, God never wastes a hurt and there's never an instance of pain He can't use to His glory and our benefit.

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

### **Songs of Praise**

Bible Class:

Song #172 "I Just Came To Praise The Lord"

Dismissal Prayer

Worship Service:

Song #144 "O Worship The King"

Song # 266 "Majesty"

Announcements

Scripture Reading: John 10: 11-15

Song #845 "Gentle Shepherd"

Prayer

Song # 383 "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross"

Lord's Supper; Collection

Song #854 "When He Comes In Glory By And By"

Song #387 "Tell Me The Story Of Jesus"

Scripture Reading

Morning Lesson

Invitation Song #943 "Do You Know My Jesus"

Closing Song #517 "Heaven Came Down"

Closing Prayer

# Good Morning & Welcome

## Upcoming Events

- **Praise Song Class:** The next Praise Song Class will be held on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. This class will concentrate on singing with "Shape Notes" and singing 4-part harmony. Please note that this class is open to everyone of the church. (Not just song leaders). See Ed Carpenter for additional information.
- **Friend Day** is next Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars and start inviting your friends and family! We will be having a covered dish luncheon immediately after morning services. Please prepare extra food so that we will have plenty to feed our guests. There is an insert in the bulletin this week that you can use to invite a friend. Also, there are extra copies on the table in the back.
- **Ladies Day** – Beallsville Church of Christ in Beallsville, Ohio is hosting a Ladies Day on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration starts at 9:00 AM. Theme "Can You Hear Me Now". Speaker: Mary Lough. If you would like to go, please see Mary.
- **Graduation Party** – Everyone is invited to attend a Graduation Party in honor of E.Bie Titchenell on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM -7:00 PM in the Lower Fellowship Hall. For more info, please see Mary Titchenell.
- **Graduates Recognition Night** will be on Sunday evening, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Please bring finger foods and come celebrate after services with the graduates. High School graduates are: E.bie Titchenell, Zach Robe, Jasmine Ashcraft, Caleb Smith, Logan Kisner, Tawny Huffman and Andrew Heston. College grads are: Meredith Pheasant, Jason Seccuro and Stephanie Tonkery. If you have not yet turned in your pictures for the bulletin and slide show, please do so ASAP.
- **Vacation Bible School** – If you would like to help with VBS, please see Mary or Kevin ASAP. VBS is June 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM.

## News & Notes

♦Harry Summers (our India Missions Evangelist) will be our speaker this evening. Harry will share with us information concerning his latest trip to India.

## Prayer Requests ♥

- ♥Please keep Jason & Jenny Seccuro in your prayers. Jenny had a miscarriage this past week and they could certainly use prayers and encouragement at this time.
- ♥Prayers have been requested for Gary Turner, a co-worker of Matt Tonkery. He has been forced to retire due to Black Lung and Silicosis.
- ♥Rob Conaway is back home after a recent stay in the hospital.
- ♥Eugene Boyce (Mark Hawkinberry's cousin) is in the UPMC Burn Center after suffering from an electrical accident. Eugene is facing amputation of his right forearm and has suffered nerve damage on his left hand.
- ♥Andy Shreves is back home from the hospital and is on a liquid diet. Andy is scheduled for tests tomorrow (the 28<sup>th</sup>).
- ♥Prayers have been requested for Justin Elliot, a young classmate of Kayln Lipscomb, who has sustained injuries from a recent motorcycle accident.
- ♥Please pray for our Nursery School teachers, the children and their families as we are coming to the end of another school year. God has blessed us in this ministry with 72 wonderful families this year. It has been such a joy to make friends with such kind and loving