

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

Dealing with the Shemei's in our life

Listen to the words recorded for us in 2 Samuel 16: 5-8. "Get out of here, you murderer, you scoundrel!" he shouted at David. "The Lord is paying you back for murdering King Saul and his family (that was a lie); you stole his throne (another lie) and now the Lord has given it to your son (that's a third lie—the Lord never gave David's son the throne; Absalom took the throne!) At last you will taste some of your own medicine...you murderer!" After his (David's sin) of adultery and murder was exposed by Nathan, part of the consequences consisted of family members rising up against the new king. David is mourning the loss of Tamar's innocence, Amnon's death and now Absalom's rebellion. If that weren't bad enough, he now has to deal with this heckler. Shemei was your typical louse. He was the kind of person who had no problem kicking someone when they were down. Ever encountered someone like that? You're at the very ultimate, lowest pit. You're world is crumbling; falling apart and along comes a Shemei and BOOM! He/she starts hurling insults, cursing and accusing David of things he had never done. That day must have been difficult for David, but cooler heads prevailed. I've not always been successful in maintaining my cool when I know someone has wronged me, but the times I *have* remained level-headed went much better for me. If we're going to be used by God we need to develop softer hearts and thicker skin. Others may feel validated by dropping slanderous innuendos our way, especially when we've had a bad day. Remind yourself; you're in good company. They railed our Lord and Master too but, thank God, thicker skin and a softer heart prevailed.

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

Welcome!

Upcoming Events

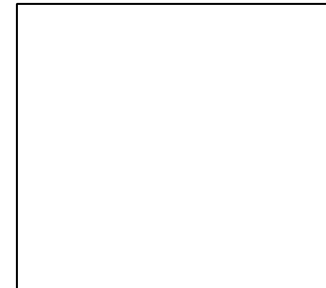
- **Vacation Bible School** – If you would like to help with VBS, please see Mary or Kevin ASAP. VBS is June 8th – 12th from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM. There will be a picnic on June 12th at Castle Creek Park in Grafton.
- **Mid Ohio Valley Work Camp** – This will be June 22nd – 27th. Please see Joel for more information.

Prayer Requests ♥

- ♥ Betty Jo Shaffer has requested we remember her sister Sharon Little in our prayers again. Sharon continues to struggle with complications related to her cancer.
- ♥ Addie Dotson's latest procedure went very well! Doctors are pleased things progressed as they did and the Dotson family wishes to express their appreciation for our prayers.
- ♥ Dave S. (friend of Dave White) recently went to receive his heart transplant and was told he would have to wait as another recipient was in greater need.
- ♥ Dianne received a call at the church building from a family who has requested prayers for their son in the military. During your daily prayers, please say an extra prayer for the Whitehead family and all our military families who sacrifice so much for our freedom.
- ♥ Mary Ann Lipscomb said the boy involved in a motorcycle accident recently is doing much better and is now back to school.

News & Notes

- ◆ We have TWO new brothers in Christ! Joseph and Jacob Holbert both gave their life to Christ by taking Him on in baptism Monday evening. If you see Jacob and Joseph today, congratulate them on their decision.
- ◆ We would like to express our appreciation to Edwina Summers for the wonderful job she does directing the Nursery School. May God continue to bless this great ministry. Also, thank you to all who helped at graduation with parking cars, handing out programs, helping with the children, cleaning up, etc. Thank you to Kevin for the great job of being the MC for the evening. You are all very much appreciated!!



Wishing everyone a safe and fun Memorial Day!