

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

Adonijah's assumption

We live in a fast-paced culture and are accustomed to quick results. Waiting appears to be an activity of past generations. In this week's story Adonijah, the son born directly after Absalom, longed to obtain the throne. He acted as if David was already dead in that he hastened an entourage to go before him proclaiming himself as the next rightful owner of the crown. We can be like Adonijah in that we want things done our way and in a timely manner. There are instances it would be better to wait; to put on patient humility as we listen to what God is trying to tell us. When Adonijah hears that Bathsheba and Nathan conspire to have Solomon seated on the throne, Adonijah is riddled with fear. He's afraid of what his half brother [Solomon] will do to him now that he [Solomon] has been elected king. Solomon assures him that as long as he behaves himself no harm would befall him. However, Adonijah won't take being disposed of the throne easily. He asks for Abishag as wife (the beautiful young woman given to David) in his dying days. Solomon sees this request as yet another way to weasel his way into office and has him put to death. Why would Adonijah place himself on a path of self-sufficiency? Why continue to be conniving by using David's nurse as a political pry bar? Intense desire to have things our way can cloud our minds as to what's best for certain situations. We can become so passionate about making sure things are done our way that we can miss what God's trying to show us. We're not immune to strong desire, human reasoning, or the influence of others. Impatient by nature, we could easily justify taking matters into our own hands. The best advice is to listen, obey, and wait. God's timing is perfect, and we don't want to miss His best. What happened to Adonijah? Let's just say he became so preoccupied with being labeled as king he lost his head with intense desire to occupy the throne and ended up losing his life. Never force what God doesn't endorse. It might just be the most painful mistake you ever make!

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

Songs of Praise

Before Class - #238
#704
Announcements
Opening Song #548
#180
Prayer
#150
Communion
#290, #387
Sermon
Invitation Song #791
Closing #449

Good Morning!

Upcoming Events

- **Vacation Bible School** is almost here! It begins next Sunday, June 8th – 12th from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM. We will have class for all ages and there will be an adult class that will meet in the Library. If you would like to bring in snacks for the adults, please see Linda Huber. They will have their snacks set up in the room next to the Library. There will be a picnic on June 12th at Castle Creek Park in Grafton from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Everyone welcome! Also, please use the flyer that is in the bulletin today to invite a friend or neighbor to our VBS. Please pre-register by going to: <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/Whitehall/gpgs/Home.aspx> or at the table in the front foyer.
- **Needed** – We still need plastic shopping bags for VBS. Please bring these in ASAP. Please leave them by the "Giving Tree" in the front foyer.
- **Door Knocking** - We will be going door knocking on June 4th & 5th at 5:30 PM to invite the community to our VBS. We will meet at the church building. Any questions, please see Cecil & Kelly Holbert.
- **Mid Ohio Valley Work Camp** – This will be June 22nd – 27th. Please see Joel for more information.

Prayer Requests ♥

- ♥ Paula Goody, friend of Tom Little, is in need of prayers. She had a kidney transplant several years ago and is now having problems with infection.
- ♥ We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Rex & Cheryl Bartlett on the passing of his mother this past week. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We love you both! If you would like to send them a card, their mailing address is: 390 Gaston Manor Road, Jane Lew, WV 26378.
- ♥ Please keep Edwina Summers in your prayers. She will be going to her doctor appointment in Pittsburgh this week for a scope of her esophagus. She may also be having some banding done on the verices in her esophagus at that time depending on the size they appear to be when the doctor performs this procedure.
- ♥ Joan Lough (Kevin's mother) is scheduled for eye surgery on Wednesday, June 11th.
- ♥ Keep Sharon Little (Betty Jo's sister) in your prayers as she continues to struggle with complications from her cancer.
- ♥ Addie Dotson is now home! Let us thank God for blessing Addie during and after her latest heart surgery!
- ♥ Paul Rennix has requested prayers for his sister's adopted daughter (Bethany).
- ♥ Paul Sparks has requested prayers for his uncle Dawson who suffers with cancer. Hospice has been called in. Also, Paul asks that we keep a missionary friend in our prayers as his mom struggles with her health.
- ♥ Lift up Betty Markovich in your prayers as she deals with complications associated with her MS.
- ♥ Please remember Vicki Bucy's mother in your prayers. She has a deteriorated femur bone that has cracked because of her cancer.