

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

Why I called him dad

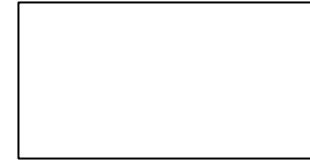
He passed in December. He was the closest thing to my own father I had. I considered him a mentor, a confidant, and a friend. Mary's dad had a way about him. He wasn't quick to give advice, but always had a wise word to say when I asked. There wasn't a thing he couldn't fix on any of the vehicles I drove. When Mary and I decided to build a house, he helped me drive nails; plumb the bathrooms, set the walls, and finish the landscaping. When going through a particularly dark period in my life we would sit and talk pipe-lining, something we were both familiar with. It wasn't so much we were trying to figure a better way to lay pipe in the ground as much as he was trying to help me get my mind off my current situation.

He never hesitated to come when I had an issue with anything. The only thing he chastised me about was not stopping by to see him on my way home from work. The foundation he stood upon was none other than Christ Jesus. He instilled a love for the Lord in his daughter to which I'm eternally grateful. There's no way I can fill his shoes, but my prayer is that somehow, someday I can instill within my sons the desire to love God, love people and do whatever I can to help others succeed. He's still with me. I can see his eyes in Mary and I can see his work ethic in my sons. I'll see him again. I imagine the subjects we'll discuss there won't involve putting pipe in the ground. The discussion will center more on the greatest Father anyone could ever hope to have.

*Have a blessed Father's Day and remember the Heavenly
Father who gave it to you!*

Kevin.

Happy Father's Day!



- ♥Edwina Summers had an appointment last week in Pittsburgh and does not need another scope of her esophagus for 6 months. She also is waiting for results from an MRI she had this past week. Please keep her in your prayers.
- ♥Keep Sharon Little (Betty Jo's sister) in your prayers as she continues to struggle with complications from her cancer.
- ♥A two year old relative of Paul Rennix is having heart surgery soon.

News & Notes

- ▶Congratulations to Sharon Little, sister of Betty Jo Shaffer, on her baptism this past week. We are so happy for your decision, Sharon.
- ▶Nursery School is in need of used kitchen cabinets to store supplies. If you have cabinets that you would like to donate, please see Edwina.

Upcoming Events

- Mid Ohio Valley Work Camp** – This will be June 22nd – 27th. Please see Joel for more information.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!

We would like to thank EVERYONE who helped with our Vacation Bible School. Those who worked so hard on decorating, door knockers, registration table, kitchen crew, those who were tribal leaders, helpers, song leaders, Darrell for teaching the adult class, tent workers and those who did activities and games. Thank you to Kevin & Mary for organizing this for us. Thank you to the elders of this congregation for all that you do in supporting our VBS. Thanks to Tim Jackson for organizing the picnic. A special thank you to Linda Huber & Joan Perry for doing all of the shopping for the snacks. It was a great week!