

## ~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

*Wanted: Hot-coal Isaiah's*

This week's lesson takes us to the biblical pages of the prophet Isaiah. One of the most encouraging truths I see coming from the story of Isaiah is when [at first] he claims to be a man "undone" and one of "unclean lips". Isaiah feels inadequate and unable to proclaim the message of God. It's at this moment that a hot coal is brought to Isaiah's mouth which removes his sin and enables him to proclaim truth to disobedient Israel. Our world is in desperate need of more "hot-coal Isaiah's!" We need more men and women of Christ to stand and boldly claim the truth that salvation comes through none other than God's Son. We need courage combined with vision! 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.*" Isaiah's initial reluctance came from his own feelings of inadequacy. It's extremely unfortunate that folks still use their own inadequacy as an excuse not to bring others to the truth. I understand that making sure our neighbors know that sin separates them Christ is an unpleasant task, but the actions of the faithful few have the possibility of saving hundreds from spiritual death. Remind yourself what's at stake!

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

### Teacher Needed

We are in need of a Cradle Roll teacher for Wednesday night. Please remember that mom's get very little time to themselves for Bible study so when they come on Wednesday night they especially could use time for class and focus. Right now we do not have a teacher and those mothers are having to try and wrestle a baby in class with them. So, it would be great if someone could step up and help out. ☺

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# Wishing Everyone a Safe and Happy Fourth of July!

## Upcoming Events

♦ **Church Dinner** – We will be having a Covered Dish Dinner TODAY, June 29<sup>th</sup>, immediately following our morning service. Everyone is welcome! **We will NOT be having services this evening.**

## News & Notes

- ♦ If you see Kevin Lough this week, wish him a Happy Birthday. He is now the BIG "50"!
- ♦ Also, Happy Birthday to our Nursery School Director, Edwina Summers! Today is her birthday ☺
- ♦ Trudy Ford has asked if anyone in our church family would be willing to sit with Mary Ford (David's mother) for a total of 16 hours a week. Trudy said that the 16 hours is flexible and could be discussed with those interested.
- ♦ "Giving Tree" - There are many items on the "Giving Tree" that are needed for the Nursery School. If you would like to help, please stop by the tree located next to the library in the front foyer. Please bring your items in by Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> and place them under the tree. Thank you in advance for your help and support of this great ministry. If you have questions, please see Edwina Summers.
- ♦ Barbour County Church Camp – July 13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. This is for all ages. Please see Joel for more information.
- ♦ Please mark your calendars for Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> (1-7 PM) as the date for this year's annual blood drive. The American Red Cross needs donors! Our target goal is 35 units. This year's coordinator is Julie Osborne. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin at the building.

## Prayer Requests

- ♥ Martin Dalton (Ruth Ann Dalton's husband) was able to come home from the hospital on Wednesday. Although not 100%, Martin continues to improve.
- ♥ Prayers are requested for Katy Jones, mother of a co-worker of Matt Tonkery. She is suffering with many different health problems.
- ♥ We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Karen Maryhorn on the passing of her brother.
- ♥ Please continue to keep Edwina Summers in your prayers.
- ♥ Kenny Cottrell has asked for prayers for his youngest brother, Leo. There's a possibility Leo has suffered from a light heart attack on Sunday night. He was in Mon General and was scheduled for a heart catheterization at about 3:00 on Monday afternoon.
- ♥ Jordan Newlon (3 week old baby) has been released from Pittsburgh's Children's Hospital and is now recovering at home.
- ♥ Continue to pray for Jim Stout as he goes through his chemotherapy treatments.