

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

Preach what I want to hear!

Preaching has fallen on tough times these days. It's almost as if folks come to services expecting to hear a certain message. If the message they want to hear isn't conveyed in the way *they* believe it needs to be conveyed, they'll turn the message off and walk away disgruntled. Paul urged Timothy in 2 Timothy 4: 2 "***Preach the Word. Be prepared whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage with all long-suffering***". Let's be honest. There are instances that we want to hear what WE want to hear. *If what we hear doesn't affirm what we already believe, we filter out what God might be trying to tell us.* Do yourself a favor. Open your mind to embrace what God might be trying to tell you from the pulpit. Just because a particular message isn't 'flipping your switch' doesn't mean someone else isn't benefited by it. I'll be honest. There are times I don't spend adequate time in prayer, meditation and study because of other duties pressing against my schedule. I will (from time to time) preach a 'dud' sermon. I can assure you Joel and I both spend a great deal of time in sermon preparation. Some weeks are easier to do that than others. Don't be unrealistic or too assuming when it comes to your expectations. Church isn't a spectator sport. You've not been called to services to critic the Sunday sermon. We're ALL here to worship our Creator! Come with an open heart, an open mind and open arms ready to receive the implanted Word. And, pray for your ministers. I can assure you we've spent time this past week praying for you!

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

News & Notes

♦**"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 10th 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.

Good Morning & Welcome!! Songs of Praise

Bible Class Song #221 "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Dismissal Prayer to Bible Classes

Worship Service Opening Song #1025 "God Our Fathers"

Song #1024 "My Country, Tis Of Thee"

Announcements

Song #477 "There Is A Place Of Quiet Rest"

Prayer

Song #458 "Redeemed"

Lord's Supper/Collection

Song #1007 "America The Beautiful"

Scripture Reading/Morning Lesson

Invitation Song #616 "The Way Of The Cross"

Closing Song #881 "Mansion Over The Hilltop"

Closing Prayer

Prayer

Requests

- ♥Please continue to remember Edwina Summers in your prayers.
- ♥Continue prayers for Betty Jo, Carl & Dallas Shaffer.
- ♥All those who are traveling this week for vacations. Please pray for their safe travels.
- ♥Prayers have been requested for Holly White's mother, Sherry Patton, as she has been recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

Upcoming Events

- ♦**Singing Class** – July 13th at 5:00 PM. If you have questions, see Ed Carpenter.
- ♦**Ladies Night Out** – July 13th immediately following the evening service. We will be going to Applebee's. All ladies are welcome! If you need more info, see Marsha Sparks or Brenda Grant.
- ♦**Barbour County Church Camp** – July 13th – 18th. This is for all ages. Please see Joel for more information.
- ♦**Blood Drive** - Please mark your calendars for Monday, July 28th (1-7 PM) as the