

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

Because we have sinned...

What distresses you? What brings you to the point of inconsolable grief? When life impacts those of whom we love we have a tendency to take notice, don't we? If there's an instance affecting one of our children it's natural for us to rise to the occasion of alleviating their distress. If a parent needs our aid, we're quick to respond. When a spouse or a close friend or even brother or sister in Christ is in dire straits we (again) do whatever we can to render aid. What about when we see someone we love living a life that we know isn't healthy for them? How do we react when a loved one makes a decision to live a life unworthy of the call they've received from God? Ezra, the prophet, returned home to Jerusalem and noticed his fellow Israelites intermarrying with those in surrounding regions. Ezra is incensed! This isn't a race issue; this is a *moral* issue. Ezra knows that when the Jews allowed themselves to be unequally yoked by worshiping gods of the nations around them they would fall prey to God's wrath once more. In his distress he rents his clothes, he pulls at his beard; he raises his head toward heaven and pleads with God to forgive his fellow man. To be sure coming to the aid in time of distress of those of whom we love is important. How important do we see their soul's condition? Do we place their creature comforts above their eternal destination? Ours is a temporary dwelling on the earth. Remind yourself that when loving someone enough to care.

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

Kevin

Good Morning!

Songs of Praise

- 555 - Seek Ye First (announcements)
- 539 - Higher Ground
- 669 - Take My Life, and Let It Be (prayer)
- 361 - Nailed to the Cross
- 379 - If That Isn't Love (Ed C. - communion)
- 625 - Zion's Call (sermon)
- 945 - I Am Resolved
- 860 - There Is A Habitation

Upcoming Events

- ♦**Ladies Brunch & Women at the Well Meeting** – There will be a Ladies Brunch on Saturday, August 9th beginning at 10:00 AM in the Lower Fellowship Hall. All ladies are welcome! Bring your favorite breakfast dish and come join the fun and fellowship! Questions, please see Pam Jackson or Marsha Sparks.
- ♦**Area Wide Sing** – We will be hosting the Area Wide Sing on September 5th. Please mark your calendars now for this event. More info coming soon!
- ♦**Church Picnic** – The annual Church Picnic will be held on September 27th at the farm of Cecil & Kelly Holbert. This is will be starting at 4:00 PM. Everyone welcome!

Nursery School News

- ☺ **Nursery School Giving Tree** – If you chose items from the Giving Tree, please return these items by August 10th. If you would rather make a monetary donation, you can do so by seeing either Edwina Summers or Dianne Tonkery. Thank you so much for all your help with this wonderful ministry! Your contributions help us keep the cost of tuition at an affordable rate for everyone. Thanks again!!! Also, thank you to all who have come out and have been helping paint and install ceiling tiles in the Nursery School area. It is looking great!!
- ☺ There are still some openings left for the Fall school year if you have a child that would like to enroll or know someone that wants to attend.

Prayer Requests ♥

- ♥Please continue to keep Edwina Summers in your prayers as she has been placed on the list to receive a liver transplant.
- ♥Kaitlyn Rennix fell last Wednesday and had to have stitches in her forehead.
- ♥Lisa Brooks grandmother is not doing well. Please keep her in your prayers.
- ♥Alyssa Weekley, a young girl who participated in the Harrison County Relay for Life with Kevin & Mary, is in need of prayers. She had to have heart surgery due to cancer she had when she was younger. Cards would be greatly appreciated. Please send to : Alyssa Weekley, c/o Ronald McDonald House, East 73rd Street,