

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

But, seriously...what did Jesus look like?

I'm sure it's crossed your mind. Aren't you the least bit curious as to what Jesus looked like? I know I've thought about it more than once. What about his demeanor? I mean, was he just a "nice" person to hang around with or how did relate to others? We have a variety of pictures painted for us in scripture, don't we? Controversy was a major part of our Savior's life. Even from the outset we see a picture of Joseph trying to put Mary away privately because of Jesus being conceived by God's Holy Spirit. And, what about the time Joseph and Mary had traveled a day's journey and realized Jesus wasn't among them only to return to the city to find him debating the scholars? He healed the sick on the Sabbath: taboo to devout Jews. Christians were accused of being cannibals because of what He said in John 6 in regard to eating his flesh and drinking his blood. He was accused of being a drunkard. His own family thought he was crazy and tried to take Him home during one part of His recorded ministry. If you want to follow Jesus there's one thing you and I need to appreciate about Him...He wasn't just a "nice" individual. One of the biggest changes I've noticed from how people reacted toward Jesus at one time and how they react to Him now: the religious people who surrounded Him as he walked the earth HATED him. If you are a student of the scriptures, however, you also see that sinners and tax collectors LOVED him. Today, the religious people claim to love Jesus yet the non-religious folks seem to be at odds with Him. Has Jesus changed? Did he all of a sudden become nice to religious people and mean to sinful people? I'm told in Hebrews 13: 8 that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. So what, or who has changed? Could it be that our understanding of who Jesus truly is has changed? Do we "as religious folk" present Jesus to be the same Savior who saved us from our sin? And, do we just try to be nice so they see Jesus? Piercing questions, I know...but ones I believe we should ask ourselves from time to time.

Have a blessed day and remember the

One who gave it to you!

Upcoming Events

♦**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!

News & Notes

☺ **Nursery School Giving Tree** – If you chose items from the Giving Tree, please return these items by TODAY, 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!!

☺ **Openings for Nursery School** - 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.

☺ **College Students** - We will be collecting snack items for our college students to send them care packages from their church family. There is a sign up sheet on the back table in the auditorium. Please leave your items in the "Caring Corner" in the front foyer. If you have any questions, please see Pam Jackson, Dianne Tonkery or Marsha Sparks. The kids love getting a package from their home congregation.

☺ **The Marion County Partners in Prevention** need your help. They will host its annual Community Baby Shower on Saturday, September 20th. This is an educational fair designed to help pregnant women who earn less than \$10,000.00 per year. The objective is to provide each participant with a "New Mother Kit" of essential baby supplies. Questions: contact Tanya Robe or her mother Toni Balenger at 304.366.4445.

Prayer Requests ♥

♥Please continue to keep Edwina Summers in your prayers as she has been placed on the list to receive a liver transplant.

♥Keith Kisner will have to report to the Cleveland Clinic to have his cancer treatments in the near future. Please keep him and Marsha in your prayers.

♥Doctors have told Tanya Robe that they will continue to monitor the mass behind her eye. To remove it would be very extensive and they believe it would be best to wait and see how things progress. Please keep her, Ray and the family in your prayers.

Thank You!!

We cannot express our appreciation enough to those who helped install the new ceiling tiles in the Nursery School area. A special thanks to Jerry Summers, Carl Shaffer, Kevin Lough, Jamen Summers, PJ Oates, Greg Donewar, Paul Sparks & Isaac Sparks. It looks great!! Also, thank you to those who helped clear out the