

## ~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

### When We Are Lonely

I'm so glad we have the entire story of Jesus' birth, death, burial, resurrection & ascension. I'm even more pleased with the fact that we serve a High Priest that was in all points tempted just as we are, yet without sin. In our study this week, we've gotten a glimpse of how loneliness plagued the Son of God. Our God created humanity for companionship with Himself and each other. He doesn't want people to suffer the emotional turmoil of loneliness. The bible contains pledges of His constant presence as well as instructions to prevent loneliness among our church family. The Lord stressed His constant presence because He knows our need for assurance, especially when we feel deserted or isolated. His vow never to forsake believers is found throughout the Bible: He spoke this comforting word to the disciples who were about to witness Jesus' ascension (Matt. 28:20). Of all the things Christ Jesus experienced in the Garden, I would imagine loneliness was one of the greatest tests to His faith. Paul preached that nothing can compare to drawing close to Christ (Phil. 3:8). Who better to draw close to than He who experienced some of the greatest forms of loneliness? God wants every believer to implicitly trust that He is near. The church is designed to meet our need for person-to-person intimacy. Notice 1 Corinthians 12. The spiritual body works much like a human body—it contains parts are both independent and interdependent; each needing others in order to function well. We require support from our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are to accept one another (Rom. 15:7), bear each other's burdens (Gal. 6:2), and avoid judging each other (Rom. 14:13). Loneliness can cripple a person emotionally and spiritually. I've experienced it in my own life just as many of you have in yours. Sometimes we just need reminded that human beings are not designed to walk through this world alone. We are made for relationship, which God gladly supplies. We must never forget that the Lord is near and that He never wants us to feel alone.

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

**Cookout for College Students** - All college age students are

## Songs of Praise

Opening Song before class - #222 "There's Something About That Name"

Worship

Song # 458 "Redeemed"

Announcements

Song #527 "He Touched Me"

Song #845 "Gentle Shepherd"

Prayer

Song #373 "A Hill Called Mount Calvary" with #464 Refrain at end

Lord's Supper/Collection

Song #968 "Oh, They Tell Me Of A Home"

Song #387 "Tell Me The Story Of Jesus" vs 1

Morning Sermon

Invitation Song #768 "Jesus Let Us Come To Know You"

Closing Song Medley #163 "His Name Is Wonderful"

Dismissal Prayer

## Prayer Requests ♥

♥Please continue to keep Edwina Summers in your prayers.

♥Davey McQuain, friend of Betty Jo Shaffer, was injured in an ATV accident. He has broken ribs and more broken bones. Prayers are requested for a complete healing.

## News & Notes

© **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 by September 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please see Pam Jackson, Dianne Tonkery or Marsha Sparks. The kids love getting a package from their home congregation.

© Thank you to Matt Tonkery for weed-eating the bank on the Apple Valley side of the church building. Looks great!

## Upcoming Events

♦**Sunset International Bible Institute Classes** will begin this Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM. Topic of study will be "Theology of Missions" by Richard Rogers. Everyone is welcome to attend.

♦**North Hills Youth Rally** – September 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. See Joel for more info.

♦**Baby Shower** – There will be a Baby Shower in honor of JoAnna Kirk on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> immediately following the morning service. She is having a girl. If you have questions, please see Pam Jackson.

♦**Church Picnic** – The annual Church Picnic will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the farm of Cecil & Kelly Holbert. This will be starting at 4:00 PM. Bring your