

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

Simple oversight or blatant carelessness?

Mary and Joseph traveled to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. Jesus was 12 years old. They were evidently very distracted by the excitement and business of the Feast. In fact, Mary and Joseph began their return trip to Nazareth only to realize well into the trip that Jesus was not with them. It would be three days before they would be reunited with their 12-year-old son. It caused quite a scare in Mary and Joseph, and they reprimanded Jesus for "wandering" off. If you're like me, as a parent, I find this story truly amazing. How can parents of the Son of God not know their son is not in their midst? Yet this story illustrates how each of us can become so busy that we continue to operate not realizing that Jesus is no longer with us. Obviously, there was very little fellowship taking place between Jesus and His parents during the trip. Are you experiencing daily, even moment-by-moment, fellowship with Jesus? If not, you will wake up one day and realize Jesus is no longer with you in your endeavors. It may, like Mary and Joseph, create a certain fear in you that you may have lost a very important relationship. Doing business without Jesus' presence leaves us powerless and prone to live in fear. Jesus said He would never leave or forsake His children. However, we can walk away from His fellowship by refusing to be with Him. Life becomes busy. We preoccupy ourselves with making sure our "to-do" lists are completed in a timely manner. We sacrifice our alone time with Jesus to accomplish things that simply "cannot wait". Ask yourself: Is one load of laundry more important than my alone time with Jesus? Do dirty dishes or dusty picture frames bother me more than a neglected devotional book or a dusty bible? Don't let preoccupation with worldly things take your mind off things that matter most. While we shake our head at Joseph and Mary for their negligence, we may well forget Jesus after our own 'day's journey.' Don't forget about Jesus! He longs to have daily fellowship with you because He loves you.

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

Welcome to the Whitehall Church of Christ! Prayer Requests ♥

*Edwina Summers had a procedure done at Ruby hospital on Thursday morning to remove fluid from around her lungs. Please keep her, Jerry & the family in your prayers.

*Sarah Jackson is now out of the hospital and back to work. Keep Sarah in your prayers as she deals with asthmatic-like symptoms.

*Joann Matheny is now home after having a stent put in at Mon General hospital.

*Prayers have been requested for the family of William Trotto. William passed away recently and services were conducted for him at the Carpenter and Ford Funeral home this past Friday. William was the grandfather of Julissa (Patrick Perkin's wife).

*Elsie Matheny is still suffering with her back. Please keep her and Lynn in your prayers.

*Continue to pray for Kim Osborne as she recovers from her recent back surgery.

*Just a reminder for our Senior Saints bible study: Read Proverbs 2 for our next time together, Wednesday November 12th, 2014 at 11:30 AM, upper fellowship hall.

" Friends of Edwina" Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

We will be having a Spaghetti Dinner in honor of Edwina Summers on Sunday, November 16th immediately following the morning service. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. You can purchase tickets in advance by seeing either Dianne Tonkery or Marsha Sparks. Checks can be made payable to the Whitehall Church of Christ. All proceeds from this dinner will go to a fund for Edwina to help with the cost of her liver transplant. There will also be craft tables at the event with items for you to purchase such as scarves, hand made dish cloths, candy bars, etc. We will be taking orders for candles. If you have questions, please see Dianne Tonkery, Mary Titchenell, Joan Perry, Deb Carpenter, Kim Dumire, Joan McDaniel or Marsha Sparks. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table for you to donate items for the dinner and to help serve that day.