

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

Jesus...the light of the world

This past Sunday morning I was reminded of the 'Light' spoken of in first few verses of Genesis 1. Scientifically it gives us a picture of God creating light even before the sun and moon were created. (Genesis 1: 14-18). Theologically the light first given to expose darkness represents the true Light: Jesus Christ, a Light brought into a world of darkness. Darkness has a tendency to plague the earth because people live with a sense of frustration and futility as they attempt to please fleshly appetites that are never satisfied. God-shaped voids exist in each of us to remind us of the futility of such ventures. Unfortunately, many try to fill that God-shaped cavity with everything but what truly fits. The reason why so many choose everything but Jesus is because the light of Jesus Christ lets people see themselves as they really are: sinners in need of a Savior. Independence, ignorance and pride blind many from understanding how much we truly need Christ Jesus! We live in a world where so many are stumbling through life! Instead of wagging our heads in dismay, why not share our Light with them? Blaming the dark for being dark never really accomplishes what Jesus would ask of us. The reason the dark existed in the first place was for God to expose it to light. (Genesis 1: 2-3). Could it be the reason darkness surrounds us is for God to use *us* to His glory? Instead of us wondering why God doesn't do something to right all the wrongs, who's to say He didn't create us for that purpose? Remind yourself: the Church of Christ is to be a light set on the hill for all to see. (Matt. 5: 14) YOU are that light! Shine!

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

Songs of Praise:

Opening Song #480 "*Blessed Assurance*" - Dismiss to Bible Class
Praise Medley Songs #2 "*We Praise Thee, O God*" vs 1 & 2,
Song #3 "*Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah*" vs. 1 & 2
Song #4 "*To God Be The Glory*" vs. 1 & 2 - Announcements
Song #800 "*What A Friend We Have In Jesus*" - Prayer
Song # 346 "*He Lives*" - Lord's Supper, Collection
Song # 421 "*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*"
Song #387 "*Tell Me The Story Of Jesus*" vs. 1 - Morning Lesson
Invitation Song - #552 "*Have Thine Own Way*"
Closing Song - #738 "*Take The Name Of Jesus With You*"
Dismissal Prayer

Good Morning & Welcome!

Upcoming Events

- **Bridal Shower** – All ladies are invited to attend a Bridal Shower in honor of Glenn Osborne & Brittany Davis **TODAY**, Sunday, March 9th from 2:00 – 4:00 PM in the Lower Fellowship Hall.
- **Ladies Night Out** – The next LNO will be **TODAY**, Sunday, March 9th immediately following our evening service. We will be going to Cracker Barrel. All ladies are welcome! Questions, please see Marsha or Brenda.
- **MOPS Meeting** – Mothers of Preschooler's will be meeting on Thursday, March 13th from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM in the Upper Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, please see JoAnna Kirk.
- **Hispanic Cooking Class** – The ladies from the Blueville Church of Christ are inviting all ladies to attend a Hispanic Cooking Class on March 15th. Cooking will be from 10:00 AM to Noon and then you will have lunch with the cook! Some things she will be making: salsa, chicken enchilada's, stuffed peaches with caramel syrup and more! Please RSVP by calling 304-265-3678 by March 12th. Bring friends and family! There is no cost.
- **Baby Shower** – There will be a Baby Shower in honor of Taylor Robe on Sunday, March 23rd from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM in the Lower Fellowship Hall. She is having a boy. All ladies are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Tanya Robe at 304-366-0794. She is registered at Target & WalMart.
- **VBS** - If you want to volunteer to help with VBS, please see Mary Lough ASAP to secure your roll in VBS! The theme this year is: "Wilderness Escape...Where God Guides and Provides. Camp out with Moses and the Israelites". Mark your calendar's for this event: June 8th – 12th from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM each evening. Picnic will be on Thursday evening at Castle Creek Park in Grafton.

News and Notes

- ◆ Thanks to all who participated in the Belle Church of Christ Marriage Retreat yesterday in Charleston! Five couples were represented by the Whitehall church.
- ◆ Mary & Kevin along with the Sparks family and Brenda Grant will be serving food to raise money for the Soup Opera on March 16th. If you would like to donate soup, bread or dessert, please see Kevin. Any soup, bread or dessert will be accepted in any quantity.

Prayer Requests ♥

- ♥ Please continue prayers for Ann Cook, mother of Rick Cook. Ann had a hip replacement last week and is now in Health South for rehabilitation.
- ♥ Please lift the Matt Lowe family up in prayers. Matt is the minister for the Morgantown Church of Christ. Matt's mother passed away last week. She was a member of the Little Hocking Church in Ohio.