

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

Words of Mass Destruction

Words are incredibly powerful. They can be used to build up, correct, instruct and convince. They can also be used to destroy, discourage or malign. As I listened to a Christian talk show this past week, I was again intrigued by the way God's people were given His Word in the Old Testament. A prophet would stand on a platform (actually sometimes considered a pulpit) and would share truths from the parchments. Listeners would sometimes stand for HOURS soaking up the words of God coming forth from various prophetic voices. No one owned a bible. They couldn't check out their *Strongs' Concordance* to ascertain veracity. They took the prophets words as truth because they came from the Lord. The words of God were considered sacred, holy & invaluable. Recipients of prophetic messages hung on to the words emanating from the tongues of God's messengers. Today, we have numerous bibles in our homes, a multiplicity of translations and a wide assortment of resources explaining scripture. Sadly, with the vast amount of resources available within arm's length, many simply choose not to read, study and meditate on God's Word. Why? Because they're too preoccupied with the words of mass literature, tabloids, innuendo and rhetoric available in the world! It's always comical to hear folks say, "You know, I'd exercise, but I simply don't have the time". In reality, if folks would exercise, it would lengthen their days on the earth so they would have more time to pursue things they love doing! When Christ comes to redeem His church, I don't think we'll regret not being able to see that last episode of Seinfeld. Read God's Word. Allow it to renew your mind daily and be thankful you're literate, educated and blessed enough to own a bible of your own!

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

Kevin

Prayer Requests

♥Please continue to keep the following in your prayers: Bob Carpenter, Margaret Brand, Harold Phillips, Marsha & Reegan Kisner, Bud Lipscomb, Kim Dumire, Dolores Rager, Kathie Clayton, Edwina Summers, Debbie Conaway and all those who are suffering with different illnesses at this time.

♥Phil Dotson's grandmother (Barbara Jo Dotson) is dealing with cancer.

♥Please keep our Elders, Deacons, Ministry Leaders and their families in your prayers as they serve this congregation.

News and Notes

◆Whitehall Nursery School is currently accepting registrations for the 2016-2017 school year. Children must be three years old by September 1st and potty trained. Openings available in the three year and four year old programs. See Edwina Summers for more information or call her at 304-368-0300 between 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM or 304-265-2085.

◆Pleasant Acres – Whitehall is responsible for services at Pleasant Acres on Sunday, January 24th. Please make plans now to attend. For more details, please see Kevin.

◆Covered Dish Luncheon – Everyone is welcome to attend a Covered Dish Luncheon on Sunday, January 31st immediately following the morning service. There will not be services that evening as we will have a Devo after the meal together. or taking it for the first time. Questions: see Kevin.

SAVE THE DATE...Vacation Bible School will be June 5th – 8th with the picnic on June 9th. If you would like to help this year, please see Mary Lough. More info coming soon!

Congratulations!! Evan Tonkery was baptized into Christ this past Sunday after the morning service. We are so happy to have you as a part of the family here at Whitehall. Evan is the son of Dave & Sandy Tonkery.