

## ~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

### *How can I be sure?*

Discussions have ensued throughout the course of history discussing whether or not the bible is truly the Word of God. Historians have examined it, archeologists have tested it, scholars have debated it and evangelists have proclaimed it. Dictators have tried to extinguish it, Racists have tried to circumvent it, naysayers have attempted to belittle it, and yet it remains the most widely accepted best seller in the history of mankind. The first question I would be tempted to ask is this: why does the bible undergo such incredible scrutiny? Why is it examined so thoroughly? Why do some work so diligently to extinguish its presence from humanity?

There are two obvious reason for the last few questions I've raised. I believe the greatest reason God's Word receives such incredible scrutiny is because it contains the very words we've been called to live by. One might reason: *If I dismiss the truth it contains, I'll not be held accountable for it, and hence, God cannot condemn me to hell because of my ignorance concerning its truth.* Such a feeble argument cannot excuse behavior to ignore infallible truth! Acts 17:30 reminds us that at one time God winked at such ignorance, but now commands all men everywhere to repent of such foolishness.

A second reason why the bible receives such incredible scrutiny is because Satan is still very much alive. His greatest quest is to destroy as many souls as he can. Read the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of Revelation. He's been jaded. He's angry because he lost the war of supremacy to Christ Jesus. As powerful as he is, he will never be as powerful as our God. How can you be sure the bible is God's Word? You can be sure by living as if your life depends on it, because it does.

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

*Kevin*

## *Good Morning!*

### *Prayer Requests*

- ♥Keep Robert Carpenter in your prayers. He has been transitioned to a rehabilitation facility. Please keep Bobby and his family in your prayers as well as they take care of Robert.
- ♥Prayers are requested for Addie Dotson. Doctors are meeting to determine whether or not she's able to receive her (hopefully) last heart surgery.
- ♥Phil Dotson's grandmother (Barbara Jo Dotson) is dealing with cancer. It started in the colon and has now spread to the lungs and abdomen. Please keep her in your prayers.
- ♥Keep Marsha & Reegan Kisner, Edwina, the Shaffer family, Kim Dumire, Buck Osborne, Margret Brand, and Harold Phillips in your prayers this week.
- ♥Keep Kathie Clayton in your prayers. She had a fall and chipped a bone. She is currently going through rehabilitation.
- ♥Delores Rager is in Fitzwater Nursing Facility on Locust Avenue.
- ♥Ed's office manager, Paula Wyanns, will be going through a needle biopsy because of doctors noticing something suspicious on her mammogram. She has requested our prayers.
- ♥Remember Debbie Conaway in your prayers as she prepares for treatment for her breast cancer.

### **News and Notes**

- ◆Pleasant Acres – Whitehall is responsible for services at Pleasant Acres TODAY, Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> . Please see Kevin for more info. Everyone is encourage to attend.
- ◆Covered Dish Luncheon – Everyone is welcome to attend a Covered Dish Luncheon on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> 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.
- ◆Whitehall Nursery School is currently accepting registrations for the 2016-2017 school year. Children must be three years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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