

# ~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

## *I grew up with a "drug" problem*

Me and my siblings all suffered from the same childhood issue...we all had a "drug" problem. Our parents "drug" us to church three times a week. Every Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night we were in church services without fail. The only time we weren't "drug" to church was when it had rained incessantly and flooded the road below our house which made it impossible to reach our destination. I have to admit there were times I didn't want to go. We lived so far out in the sticks that an hour school bus ride at the end of the day pretty much did me in. Sometimes the last thing I wanted to do was to occupy the back seat of my parents Plymouth station wagon and head back into town. I'm sure dad was weary after a long day of work as well. He too had a long drive home at the end of the day. And, yet, without fail, we all piled in the car and headed back to town every Wednesday evening. There were times on Sunday when an "all-important" football game was on television. I knew better than to beg dad to let us miss church "just this once" to watch the end of the game. The television was switched off and we piled back in the station wagon each Sunday evening to head back to Clarksburg. I don't share that story with you so you'll feel sorry for me and my siblings and our "drug" problem. I share that story with you because of the importance of regularly meeting with the saints. There are those who have little problem attending Sunday morning, but see little need for meeting again that evening or mid-week. I know it's getting dark earlier. I know that after you come home from a long day of work the last thing on your mind is dragging your family back into town, but, honestly I wouldn't trade my childhood for anything. The reason I wouldn't trade my childhood for anything is because all those times my parents dragged me to church I learned just a little more of who my God is. It helped me to appreciate the importance of meeting regularly with the saints and it embedded the love of God deep within my heart. There's no guarantee that your children will be faithful to the Lord if you drag them to services three times a week, but I can assure you they'll have a much better chance of fidelity to God than if you don't!

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

*Kevin*

# *Good Morning @ Welcome!*

## *News and Notes*

**Covered Dish Luncheon** – There will be a Covered Dish Luncheon TODAY immediately following services this morning. Everyone is welcome! We will not be having service this evening.

**India Mission Trip** – Please keep Harry Summers in your prayers as he will be departing for India on October 26<sup>th</sup> and returning on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for his safety as he travels to do this great work.

**Pleasant Acres** – The annual Turkey Dinner will be on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Take out is from 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM. Sit down dinner is from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Tickets at \$10. This will be held at the Pleasant Valley Fire Department. For more info, see Linda Huber.

**Free Market** – Our annual Christmas Free Market will be held on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to donate items, please leave them in the Upper Fellowship Hall. PLEASE NO TELEVISIONS!! If you have any questions or would like to help, see Mary Lough.

## *Prayer Requests*

♥Continue to keep the following folks in your prayers: Joann Hall, Margret Brand, Darrell Freeman, Noah Miller Jr. John Pheasant, Marsha Kisner, Sharon Little, Dallas Shaffer, Kaylyn Lipscomb, Buck Osborne, Edith Gull, Robert Moore, Edwina Summers, Rolle Sullivan, Karen Tucker and Nicholas Lough.

♥Keep Dave Perkins in your prayers as he is scheduled to go through surgery to repair two vertebrates in his neck. Doctors have determined they are pressing against his spine.

♥Pam Jackson has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Pam will be going to see the doctors in Morgantown to receive treatment. Please keep her, Tim and the entire family in your prayers at this time.

♥Asher Deaton (age 2) has been diagnosed with cancer in the bone marrow. Asher is Judy Compton's great nephew. Doctors have determined the cancer is located in Asher's sternum and spine.

♥Dave White asks that we keep Holly's father in our prayers. Paul Patton has been readmitted to Ruby hospital with complications caused by an infection.

♥Please pray for Gerry Wyer, Dianne Tonkery's mother. She has been recently diagnosed with cancer and will be starting treatments soon.