

# ~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

*His humility exalts us*

In this season of giving, sharing & caring it's easy to see how one could celebrate this time of year with God's gift to the world (Jesus Christ). If, on the other hand, we allow ourselves to become too theologically correct in working to determine *when* Jesus came, we can miss the simplistic joy of knowing that God brought Jesus into the world as a baby. But, why a baby? I don't know of too many folks who've never seen a baby. Most people like them. Little, dependent and at times loud, most people like babies until they require maintenance such as diaper changes, feeding, washing and the like. The question remains: Why did God choose for Christ to come to us as a baby? He did it because not only does God desire we love Him but that we fear Him as well. Not only did He long to rule over his people, but to know them as well. There's one thing a baby does well...they observe; they pay attention. They watch human behavior and at times liken themselves to that behavior. Childhood, adolescence, and teen-age years are all a part of growing up. God knew that childhood and familial surroundings are timeless teaching grounds for young people to learn more about human nature than attending even the greatest of institutions. Christ Jesus entered this world through the lowliest state possible. He humbled himself and became obedient to the will of His Father by coming to us in our very own likeness so we would have the opportunity to return the favor someday. He longs for us to be conformed to HIS image as opposed to our own. This time of year isn't about opening presents. It's about being present for his presence to radiate through us for all the world to see.

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

*Kevin*

## *Baptism*

Congratulations to Rick Pyle on his baptism this past Sunday! We welcome you to the family of Christ here at Whitehall.

*If you would be interested in making a donation to help buy clothes for the children in the orphanage we support in India, please write (India Orphanage) on the memo line of your check and place it in the collection plate today along with your regular contribution. Thank you for your generosity.*

## *Prayer Requests*

♥Pray for each of the following: Pam Jackson, Gerry Wyer (Dianne Tonkery's mother), Joann Hall, Margret Brand, Darrell Freeman, Noah Miller Jr., John Pheasant, Marsha Kisner, Sharon Little, Dallas Shaffer, Kaylyn Lipscomb, Buck & Kim Osborne, Asher Deaton, Edith Gull, Robert Moore, Edwina Summers, Rolle Sullivan, and Nicholas Lough.

♥Please continue to pray for Rolle Sullivan. Rolle (Dolly Ford Sullivan's husband) had surgery this past Tuesday.

♥Norma Riley is in the Fairmont Rehabilitation Center on Kaufman Drive.

♥Pam Jackson saw her doctor on Friday to determine the extent of her radiation treatments.

♥Holly White asks that we keep her father (Paul Patton) in our prayers. Paul is having difficulty with his recent therapy and is struggling as well with bouts of depression.

♥Kevin & Steven Lough's parents are still in need of our prayers. Francis went to see his doctor on Thursday and he decided to adjust some of Francis' medication.

♥Becky McCoy had her esophagus scoped day before yesterday. Pray that all continues to go well for her.

♥Buck Osborne has been hospitalized in UHC with blood pressure issues.

♥Peggy Glaspell will receive the results of her pet scan day after tomorrow.

♥Our sympathy is extended toward the family of John Pheasant. John lost a courageous battle against cancer. His viewing and services were held last week.

♥Please keep Gerry Wyer, Dianne Tonkery's mother, in your prayers. She has to have a chest CT scan this week to make sure the cancer has not spread. Please pray she gets a good report.

## *News and Notes*

**MOPS** – Meets on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the Upper Fellowship Hall. If you would like more information, please see JoAnna Kirk.

**Ladies Sock Exchange** – All ladies are invited to a Ladies Sock Exchange & Brunch on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. This will be held at the home of Stacy Rezzler. Please bring a wrapped pair of Christmas socks for the exchange and your favorite breakfast dish. We will meet here at the building at 10:30 AM to carpool. Please see Mary Lough or Stacy Rezzler for more details.

**Church Christmas Party** – Our annual Christmas party will be on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> immediately following the morning service. Please bring a covered dish and join us! For more info, please see Phil Dotson.

**Song Night** – Please join us on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM for our Song Night.

**Christmas Caroling** – We will be going Christmas Caroling immediately following the evening service on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> in the Deerfield area. If you would like to go, please see Ed Carpenter or Jerry Summers.

**New Year's Eve Party** – Everyone is invited to attend the New Year's Eve Party at the home of Kevin & Mary Lough on Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM. Please bring finger foods.