

## ~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

*The truest picture of God's love*

It's a frequent analogy used throughout scripture. The subject of marriage captures the heart of Jesus' relationship with his church. Spiritual infidelity, lack of respect shown to our Lord as well as Jesus and the continual faithfulness of our Bridegroom are pictured throughout the Bible. Jesus' parables are always simple pictures with incredibly deep concepts. Down through the annals of time, God has loved his people with a passionate, single-minded, un-deflected devotion. God has even used the prophetic pens in scripture to write of His love for people that could easily be put to music. Isaiah mentions in v. 5 of his 45<sup>th</sup> chapter that Israel's maker was also her husband. Later in chapter 62, he painted the picture of God's rejoicing over the people as being like a bridegroom delighting in his bride. Jeremiah understood these concepts as well. In fact, God told the people through His prophet, "I am your Husband." Even though Israel continued to practice infidelity, God always remained faithful. God is a persistent, patient and pure husband. In the 19<sup>th</sup> verse of Hosea chapter 2 it says God's wife might fail, but his love for her never would. It's not that we deserve the kind of love he has to offer. We've done very little to return the magnitude of his love! But, while we don't deserve it, we can't resist it either. In the first chapter of Ephesians, Paul tells us in verse 11 that we have obtained an inheritance in Jesus Christ. The long and short of this is that God inherited *us* the same way *we* inherited God: through Jesus Christ! This is a win-win situation if our appreciation bleeds over into our commitment to God. Faithfulness is key in serving Christ Jesus. It's a love story, pure and simple. It's the story of two lovers: Christ and His bride. If you've pledged your life to Christ, you should be longing for the "shout of the Bridegroom". If you've never made that commitment to Him, that day will be horrific.

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

*Kevin*

## Good Morning & Welcome!

### News & Notes

**Vacation Bible School Meeting** – There will be a VBS meeting TODAY immediately following the morning service. We will meet in the lower fellowship hall. Lunch will be provided. If you have questions, please see Mary or Kevin Lough.

**Baby Shower** – All ladies are invited to attend a Baby Shower in honor of Valerie Kelley Mullinax on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the lower fellowship hall. Valerie is having a boy and is registered at Amazon & Target. Instead of a card, please bring a children's storybook. Please RSVP to Becky Kelley by March 9<sup>th</sup> at 304-363-1262.

**Financial Peace** classes will start on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM in the Upper Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please see Jacob Lough.

**Save the Dates...**Our **Spring Friend and Family Day** will be on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars!

**Vacation Bible School** will be the week of June 5<sup>th</sup> If you would like to help, please see Mary Lough.

### **Worship Order – Sunday February 26, 2017**

#### Bible Class

Opening Song - #123 "**The Steadfast Love Of The Lord**"

Dismissal Prayer

#### Worship Assembly

Opening Song - #121 "**Come, Let Us All Unite To Sing**"

Announcements

Song #4 – "**To God Be The Glory**"

Prayer Song - #726 "**Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying**"

Prayer

Communion Song - #375 "**Oh, The Depth And The Riches**"

Lord's Supper

Song - #517 "**Heaven Came Down**"

Morning Lesson

Invitation Song - #943 "**Do You Know My Jesus**"

Closing Song - #709 "**How Sweet, How Heavenly**"

Dismissal Prayer