

# ~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

## ***Engaging in what's worth fighting for...***

This month, we've been focusing on engaging in what we believe is worth fighting for. This past week, I spoke of how our hearts can deceive us into believing things that simply aren't true, either about ourselves or others. There are some undeniable truths that we need to embrace. Truth #1: all of sin and are in need of God's grace. We've all messed up. We all need a Savior. Far too often we degrade ourselves because of mistakes and failures. Remind yourself: if you were perfect, you wouldn't need a Savior. This is not license to sin; it's reality. Truth #2: because we all need a Savior, the Gospel is for everyone, not just the ones we believe would make "great Christians". Our responsibility is to sow the seed of the Gospel. I'm sometimes amused at how folks believe a person is "ready" to obey the Gospel. There's no way any of us can completely know what's going on inside a person's heart. Sometimes they don't even know! Remember, the heart can deceive us at times. Their Creator does know, however. It's God responsibility to prepare the soil. It's not that we don't have the ability to pray for a person to become more receptive, but God is responsible for the soil. Our responsibility is to sow seed. Far too easily we become discouraged if we spend time on someone and they obey the Gospel only to walk away from it later on. The Parable of the Sower reminds us that these things will happen from time to time but that doesn't excuse us from sowing seed. I'm sure there's been opportunities you've had to share the Gospel with someone but you've not done it. You've been afraid you won't know enough or that you'll say something wrong. You might even think you're not good enough to share because you would feel like a hypocrite because of sin in your own life. Satan will make us believe so many lies about ourselves! Live your life in such a way that sowing the seed is as natural as speaking generalities to others. If God is truly the Lord of our lives it won't be difficult to speak of Him. Who knows? The person you share with may have the type of soil in them to allow the seed of truth to take root.

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

*Kevin*

## *Prayer Requests*

- ♥Let us praise God!!! It's been determined that Kenny Cottrell does NOT have cancer. He has been released from the hospital after being diagnosed with pneumonia.
- ♥Continue to pray for Edwina Summers, Harold Phillips, Buck Osborne, Debbie Conaway, Rob Conaway, the Smallwood family, the Jackson family, Norma Riley, and Marsha Kisner.
- ♥Tim Jorgensen, minister of the Central Church of Christ, has been hospitalized at UHC. Please keep him in your prayers.
- ♥Judy Seccuro's brother (John Keffover) is in need of our prayers.
- ♥Please pray for Harry Summers as he is getting ready to return to India for this year's missionary trip.
- ♥Prayers have been requested for Simon Roharry (a little boy who has been diagnosed with cancer).
- ♥Please pray for Bill Douglass (Mary Lough's uncle) as he has been hospitalized numerous times recently. His health continues to decline, but most importantly he has never put Christ on in baptism. Pray for that to become a reality.
- ♥Prayers have been requested for Cliff & Mary Titchenell. Cliff is having back pain and Mary is still scheduled for some more up and coming tests.
- ♥Joel asked that we keep his sister-in-law (Marge Boggess) in our prayers as she is going to Johns Hopkins hospital for possible clinical treatments for her cancer.
- ♥Linda Huber's sister, Patsy, has been struggling with breathing problems.

### *News and Notes*

**Pleasant Acres** needs list: White wash cloths, twin-fitted sheets and tissues.

We will be starting our *War Room* bible study this Wednesday (March 2<sup>nd</sup>). If you do not yet have a book but would like to receive one, see Kevin.

**Ladies Bunko Night** – All ladies are invited to attend an evening of fun, games, food and fellowship on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM in the Lower Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack and a friend! For more info, see Summer Boggess.

Be looking for details regarding our "Who's coming to dinner" ministry getting geared up to get underway. If you have any questions, please see Justin or Joanna Kirk.

Philip Dotson is asking for volunteers to help out with the Disability Action Center. There will be an activity with the DAC on March 18<sup>th</sup>. If you would like more details or you're interested in getting involved, please see Philip.

**The West Virginia Marriage Getaway** is scheduled for Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> in Charleston. If you're interested in going, please see Kevin.

If you're interested in attending the Franklin Graham prayer rally scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Capital building in Charleston, please see Kevin.

We are still looking for teachers to help out in our next teaching quarter. If you can help, please see one of the elders.

Mark your calendars now for this year's VBS: scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>-June 9<sup>th</sup>.