

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

What in your life is worth fighting for?

Today marks the end of the first month of the New Year. I've heard folks say that life speeds up as we grow older. Is it possible that life isn't truly speeding up but that we're slowing down? Truth hurts, doesn't it? As I'm sure you've heard, this year's theme is: ENGAGE. Joel and I will be sharing messages this month on engaging in things worth fighting for in your life. So, what are some things in your life worth fighting for? I'll mention some of mine here. First and foremost I believe the relationships I've formed in life are worth fighting for; my relationship with God, my wife, my sons and daughter-in-loves, my parents, my mother-in-law, my siblings, relatives, my church family, close friends, etc. All these relationships are worth fighting for! Yet another thing worth fighting for is the salvation provided to me through Christ Jesus. The only one who can jeopardize that is ME. Yet another thing I see worth fighting for is the nation in which I live. The freedoms we enjoy in this country are NOT free. Men and woman throughout history have paid dearly for the opportunity we have today to live in peace. Isn't it strange how as we grow older some of the things we thought so important at a younger age now seem rather insignificant? Because February is upon us and we'll be celebrating Valentine's Day on the 14th with a covered dish get together. I also wanted to mention that we will be showing a movie in the auditorium titled: *War Room*. I'm not sure how many of you have seen the movie, but it's a keeper. It shares the importance of prayer, the value of relationships and the sanctity of marriage. I really hope you'll be able to join us! Tentative date for the movie will be Saturday, the 13th. Depending on how many are able to come, we might be able to show it again on another Saturday. As we begin this new month, prayerfully ask yourself: what (in my life) is truly worth fighting for? Make a list, if need be, and lift those things up to God. After all, the battle really doesn't belong to us, it belongs to Him!

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

Kevin

Prayer Requests

Kenny Cottrell is now home after his recent hospital stay. Doctors have discovered a mass in one of his lungs.

Kayla Hurst (Mandy Rennix's mother) recently had cataract surgery.

Robert Carpenter is in room 301 of Fairmont Regional Medical Center.

Betty Jo Shaffer is in UHC dealing with bronchitis.

Prayers have been requested for Debbie Conaway (Darrell's niece) as she has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Debbie is scheduled for treatment at the McGee Women's hospital.

Rob Conaway is receiving treatments for cancer again.

Tom Charles (relative of Ken Charles, chaplain at FRMC) passed away last week.

Mary Smallwood's parents (Charlie & Dianne) are both scheduled for surgery this month.

Dianne is scheduled for the 10th and Charlie is scheduled for the 12th

Holly White has requested prayers for the security officer at the City National Bank (Mary Charles). Mary has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

John Carnes (friend of Rod Hayhurst) has a mass on his kidney. Rod has asked that we keep John in our prayers.

News and Notes

Make plans now to attend the *War Room* Movie scheduled for this coming Saturday (February 13th) here at the church building. This movie is rated PG. Kevin will be conducting bible studies on the subject of prayer on Wednesday evenings following the movie. Subjects will include: *Lukewarm-ness, Christian accountability, Grasping God's grace & the Gospel, Engaging in Spiritual Warfare and Trusting God in Prayer.*

We will be having a covered dish dinner for Valentine's Day (February 14th) at 5:00 PM in the lower fellowship hall. Please bring a covered dish and join us! This promises to be an evening filled with fun, fellowship and food!

Songs of Praise

Bible Class

Opening Song - #63 "I Will Call Upon The Lord"

Dismissal Prayer

Worship Assembly

Song #38 "Awesome God"

Song #47 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Announcements

Song #129 "Amazing Grace"

Prayer

Song #313 "The Old Rugged Cross"

Lord's Supper

Collection

Song #66 "Doxology"

Song #76 "How Great Thou Art"

Morning Lesson

Invitation Song - #924 "Just As I Am"

Closing Song - #36 "My Tribute"

Dismissal Prayer