

## ~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

*Above all things, put on love*

**Col 3:12-15** *“Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.”* One would think this particular subject would be the most simple to incorporate...just love each other. Show genuine concern for someone other than yourself. Make sure you look out for the wellbeing of those around you. And, yet sometimes it appears to be the most difficult. At times it becomes increasingly allusive. Our society grows more and more distant from each other. Husbands and wives become disinterested with each other. Siblings grow apart; communities remain aloof one from another. The result of all this alienation makes Paul's admonition to the folks in Colossae very difficult to emulate! Have we stopped recently to consider why human beings are so disconnected these days? In some areas of the world if you were to speak to another person, they might look at you as if you were just beamed down from another planet! I've received looks from others after trying to be cordial that made me ask myself why I even bothered in the first place! But, just because the world doesn't know the concept of putting on tender mercies toward others, doesn't mean God's people shouldn't know! Notice Paul addresses this admonition to God's ELECT. Responsibility to put on tender mercies doesn't belong to the world. It belongs to God's people! So, the next time you're cordial to someone and they snub you in return, don't return their scoff. Pray for them. Pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you. (Matt. 7: 12; Matt. 5: 43-48).

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

*Kevin*

## *Prayer Requests*

- ♥ Judy Securo 's nephew (Bill Davis) had a stroke this past Friday. Bill is only 53 years old.
- ♥Please pray for Rolle Sullivan (Dolly Ford Sullivan's husband) as he recovers from his stroke.
- ♥Please pray for Leah Earle ' s father. Ken Holbert has been diagnosed with cancer in his nose.
- ♥Please pray for Paula Huber. Because of a surgery to treat cancer, a vocal chord was severed. She is going to see if methods can be implemented to restore her voice.
- ♥Continue to pray for Edwina Summers, Harold Phillips, Greg Toothman, Gentry Vass, Joan Lough and Dallas Shaffer.
- ♥Prayers are requested for Nola McKain. Nola is dealing with tongue cancer and will have to have radiation and chemotherapy. Nola is Mary Lough's aunt.
- ♥Rick Pyles continues to suffer with a cyst on his kidney.
- ♥Keep Brenden Crites, Kaylee Lanning and Jeremy Lanning in your prayers.
- ♥Remember Buck and Kim Osborne in your prayers as Buck has his dialysis treatments at home.
- ♥Pray for Don and Edith Gull. Don needs both knees replaced and Edith had a swelling in her knee and has to have fluid removed.
- ♥Ebie Titchenell is now at home and doing much better.
- ♥Please keep Gerry Wyer (Dianne Tonkery's mother) in your prayers. She will be having tests done in the near future to make sure her cancer did not spread. She really appreciated all of your prayers and cards she has received during this time. Thank you!

## *News & Notes*

**Church Directory** - There will be another chance to get your picture in the directory if you haven't done so already. Pictures will be taken the next two Sunday's, March 12<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>, in the room next to the Library. If you have any questions, please see Marsha Sparks.

**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.

**Baptisms** – Congratulations to Alexa Eagle & Cody Eagle on their baptisms this past week. Welcome to the family of Christ here at Whitehall!