

# ~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

## Going the extra mile

We've all seen it; maybe even experienced it. It's that point in time when someone goes above and beyond what's expected. Someone has gone "the extra mile". They've done something that wasn't expected, something extraordinary. But, what makes someone do that? Are they seeking notoriety? Are they longing to receive a pat on the back? For those who like the praise of men, they will do things to receive notice from others. But, why does the Christian go the extra mile? What motivates us to go above and beyond the call of duty? Think about these passages of scripture. **Philippians 2:4-8** *"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!"* The greatest motivator to go above and beyond to help someone else is none other than Jesus Christ. Walking the extra mile helps us to put others before ourselves. It's a discipline taught by Christ Himself. We can allow prejudices, biases or even misunderstandings to keep us from going the second mile. When these factors weigh down on us, entitlement is the result. It's unfortunate we live in such a "consumer-minded" society that most folks concentrate on what's only best for themselves. Listen to the words of Paul found in 2 Corinthians 5: 14 and 15. *"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."* Do like Jesus did. Put other's needs before your own. Go the extra mile. Going the extra mile brings happiness that only comes from serving like our Savior did.

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

*Kevin*

## Prayer Requests

- ♥Ray Robe asks that we remember his mother in our prayers. She is now home. Doctors have determined there's no cancer, to which we can be thankful. Pneumonia more likely than not caused her difficulties. She is scheduled to see her doctor in a few days.
- ♥Shelia Kisner's aunt (Ruth Weese) passed away last week. Her services were held at Davis Weaver funeral home in Clarksburg on Friday. Ruth was a member of the Central church in Clarksburg.
- ♥Continue to pray for Edwina Summers, Debbie Conaway, Rob Conaway, Margret Brand, Peggy Glaspell, Harold Phillips, and Buck Osborne.
- ♥Kenny Cottrell is now home. Prayers are appreciated for both he and Cathy.
- ♥Kevin's aunt (Margret Lough) fell and broke her right hip.
- ♥Patsy Roberts (Linda Huber's sister) is still in need of our prayers. Patsy has been put on a heart monitor to determine the reason for the abnormality she's experiencing.
- ♥Linda Huber has been under the weather lately. Please lift her up in prayer.
- ♥John Keefover (Judy Seccuro's brother). Is doing better! Thank you for the prayers.
- ♥Please pray for Peggy Glaspell as she prepares to go through chemotherapy.
- ♥Tim Jorgensen (minister for the Central Church of Christ) is still having complications in his abdominal region. Tim had a cyst removed as well as hernia surgery during his recent stay at UHC.
- ♥Harold Gooden is in need of our prayers. Doctors have discovered a hardened artery in his left hand.
- ♥Mary Ann Lipscomb asks that we keep both David and Aden Gooden in our prayers.
- ♥Karen Tucker has asked that we keep Jeremy Lanning in our prayers as he deals with a serious form of siliac disease as well as problems with his bowels.
- ♥Becky McCoy wishes to thank everyone for prayers received for her brother-in-law, Jim Wallace. Jim is dealing with E coli and is still in need of our prayers.
- ♥Remember to keep Harry in your prayers as he is now in India for this year's Missionary tour.
- ♥A friend of Rick Earle (Gary Powell) passed away. Please pray for the family.
- ♥Mary Ann Lipscomb's son's father in law dealing with congestive heart failure (Paul DeMoss).
- ♥Robert Moore will finally be getting into WVU pain clinic.
- ♥Joe Frank (neighbor to Kevin, Mary, Betty Jo & Carl) is going through radiation for his cancer. Continue to keep him in your prayers.
- ♥Whitney Hatcher employee at the Fairmont Regional Medical Center has been hospitalized. Ken Charles (lead Chaplain for the hospital) has requested we pray for her.

## News and Notes

**Easter Egg Hunt & Luncheon** – We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt & Luncheon next Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> immediately following the morning service. Please bring a breakfast dish and join us! For more info, please see Phil Dotson.

**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.

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