

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

He wears your scars!

Mary and I once knew a precious lady from the Salem Church of Christ who had little difficulty loving people. As a matter of fact, her face would brighten up every time we had opportunity to see her. Her husband had passed a few years before the time I'm currently referencing. Her body was wracked with pain because of her rheumatoid arthritis. We knew she was in terrible, agonizing pain most of the time. Although she suffered greatly, she did her level best not to complain, but to approach each new day with a smile. I still remember a particular conversation she and I had one day. She told me that she couldn't wait to get to heaven so as to receive her new body; a body void of pain, deterioration and misery. Although she longed to see her husband (Lester) once again, she soooooo looked forward to receiving that new body....the one with no pain, no tears and no worries. Noni was one of the most precious Christians I ever had opportunity to know. She's now with Jesus, free from any pain, arthritis or worries. But the only way that was made possible was because of what Jesus Christ did for her on the cross. While I believe each of us are appreciative of what Jesus did for us at Calvary, there's something we don't often think about. Jesus still bears the scars of his crucifixion. Thomas was shown Jesus' pierced side, hands and feet as a way to prove Jesus' identity post crucifixion. He still bears the scars so you and I can have brand new bodies void of scars, free from pain, exempt from temptation or worry. Just knowing that he still bears the scars for my sins gives a whole new definition to, "by His stripes we are healed." Thank you, Jesus, for the incredible gift of eternal life. And, thank you for bearing my scars so I don't have to!

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

Kevin

Help us celebrate...

Wedding Shower – There will be a Wedding Shower in honor of Jason Hatfield and Tiffany Boyce on Saturday, April 2nd at 1:00 PM at the Wesleyan Holiness Fellowship Hall in Webster (just past the Anna Jarvis birthplace). The couple is registered at Target and Walmart. Please bring a recipe of your favorite dish. Please RSVP to Arnetta Hatfield at 304-265-4681. All ladies are invited to attend.

Baby Shower – There will be a Baby Shower in honor of Stacy Morrison – McCormick on Saturday, April 16th at 1:00 PM in the Lower Fellowship Hall. She is registered at Target & Baby's R Us. If you have questions, please see Pam Jackson. All ladies are invited to attend!

Happy Easter!

Prayer Requests

- ♥Continue to pray for Edwina Summers, Debbie Conaway, Rob Conaway, Margret Brand, Harold Phillips, Kenny Cottrell and Buck Osborne.
- ♥Joann Hall has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Doctors believe that once the tumor is removed, she will NOT have to have any further treatment. Please lift her up in prayer.
- ♥Please pray for Peggy Glaspell as she prepares to go through chemotherapy.
- ♥Remember to keep Harry in your prayers as he is now in India for this year's Missionary tour.
- ♥Mary Ann Lipscomb's son's father in law dealing with congestive heart failure (Paul DeMoss).
- ♥Joe Frank (neighbor to Kevin, Mary, Betty Jo & Carl) is going through radiation for his cancer. Continue to keep him in your prayers.
- ♥Continue to pray for Mary Smallwood. Also, she has requested prayers for Kyle. He's having issues with his foot.
- ♥Betty Jo Shaffer wishes to thank everyone for praying for Sharon Little. She appears to be doing better.
- ♥Please pray for our college students as they're on spring break.
- ♥Prayers requested for Mark Nuzum's father-in-law. Cancer is now in his bones and doctors don't believe they can do any more for him.

Cards of Encouragement

Dallas Shaffer is in the Anthony Center and could really use cards of encouragement. His mailing address is: Dallas Shaffer, Anthony Center, 313 Anthony Center Drive, White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986.

News and Notes

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

Stuffed Animals Needed – Ed & Deb Carpenter are collecting stuffed animals for the Newberry Church of Christ. If you would like to donate, please leave them in the tote located in the "Caring Corner". For more info, please see Ed or Deb.

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.

2016 Graduates – If you have a child that is graduating High School or College this year, please let Joel know ASAP. We will be having our Senior Recognition Night on Sunday, May 15th at 6:00 PM. There will be a celebration following in the Lower Fellowship Hall.

Vacation Bible School – VBS is June 5th – 8th with the picnic on June 9th. If you would like to help, please see Mary Lough.