

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

The Power to Succeed

God helps us do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. In the book of Exodus Moses was a man who thought he could do great things without God's help. Acting on his own, he rose up to protect one of his own Hebrew brothers and in so doing, killed an Egyptian. Because of his actions, he had to flee from the presence of the king of Egypt to save his own skin. Moses went to dwell in the land of Midian for many years. It was here that God shaped him to do for God what Moses had failed to do on his own. God appeared to Moses in a burning bush to let him know that he had plans to deliver the Israelites from Egyptian oppression. I chuckle when reading this exchange because it's so typical of us when we try to avoid being used by God!

1. **"Who am I that I should go?"** God replies: **"I will be with you, Moses."**
2. **"Who will I say sent me?"** God's reply: **"I AM"**.
3. **"Suppose they will not believe me?"** Reply: **"Throw down the rod in your hand"**. {It becomes a serpent} **"Pick it up again."** (At this point, I'd be saying, you win, God, you win!!! {Once again becomes a rod}. **"Put your hand in your bosom"** {Leprous}. **Put it back again."** {Clean}.
4. **"I'm not eloquent of speech."** Reply: **"Who made your mouth?"**
5. **"Please send someone else."** Reply: **"Take Aaron, your brother!"**

How often are we like Moses? How often do we use excuses to avoid doing the tasks God has called us to do? If you'll remember, God becomes angry with Moses at the end of this discourse. What is God calling you to do to bless Him today? Is it worth wasting God's time listening to our excuses?

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

Kevin

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Good Morning & Welcome!

Prayer Requests

- ♥Judy Securo asks that we pray for her brother, John Keefover, as he is still having some very difficult health issues.
- ♥Becky Smith's biopsy results aren't looking very good. (This is Betty Jo's friend).
- ♥Continue to pray for Buck Osborne, Mary Smallwood and Peggy Glaspell.
- ♥Keep Debbie Muto in your prayers as she struggles with mini strokes.
- ♥Continue to pray for Edith Gull. She is still working to get her medication regulated and is also dealing with severe sinus congestion.
- ♥Prayers are appreciated for Francis Lough. He has been diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis.
- ♥Edwina has gone through two tests and is awaiting a third to secure her status of staying on the liver transplant list. There has currently been no change in her condition. Continue to lift her, Jerry & the family up in prayer.
- ♥Sue Born (Brenda's mother) has been on a clinical trial for her cancer. Unfortunately, her last scan showed regrowth of the tumor. She is also dealing with an issue affecting her heart.
- ♥Prayers have been requested for Rick Menear (a member of the church in Parkersburg).

News and Notes

Elders/Preachers/Deacons and Ministry Leaders Meeting – This meeting will be held on Sunday, April 17th at 4:00 PM.

Baby Shower – There will be a baby shower in honor of Kyle & Jasmine Smallwood on Saturday, May 7th at 2:00 PM in the lower fellowship hall. All ladies are welcome. They are registered at Target, Wal-Mart & Toys R Us. If you would like to bring diapers or wipes you have a chance of winning a basket. They are having a boy. If you have questions, please see Mary Smallwood.

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 need a wallet size photo of each graduate for the bulletin along with a short paragraph stating achievements in High School and plans for college, etc. Also, we need 12 photos from birth to now to use in the slide show. Please give the photos and information to Dianne Tonkery or Joel Boggess by Sunday, April 24th. 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.

Wedding - Jason Hatfield & Tiffany Boyce will be united in marriage on Saturday, May 14, 2016, in Grafton. If you would like to attend, please contact Arnetta Hatfield.

Gospel Meetings - Take note of all the spring Gospel Meetings in the area. Information located in foyer.

Friend & Family Day - Start inviting folks NOW for our up and coming Friends & Family Day scheduled for Sunday, April 24th, 2016!!