

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

Recovering Dirty Laundry

I enjoy watching football. I especially enjoy watching football when the team I like comes out on top. Currently we are in "no-game" land...where the only football I'm able to watch are reruns of games already played. I think back to this year's Super bowl. For those who aren't aware, the Patriots won. I'm sure it was rigged somehow. That's my story and I'm sticking to it. Interestingly enough the Patriots engineered a masterful comeback after being 20+ points behind toward the end of the game. It was considered the greatest Super Bowl comeback of all time. And, then, the unthinkable happened. The star quarterback's smelly jersey disappeared. Interestingly enough, after this incredible feat of football brilliance, the jersey was now worth a whopping \$50,000! Believe it or not, NFL security, the New England Patriots and even the FBI were searching for it! Now that's one important piece of dirty laundry. The jersey was stolen and carted across the Mexican border since the Super bowl took place in Houston TX. The Mexican tabloid La Prensa identified the suspect as Mauricio Ortega, the newspaper's director. Houston Police Chief Art Acevado said he would "fully anticipate charges being brought," and that the charges could include transporting stolen goods across state lines and out of the country. This story would be hilarious were it not so sad. While I see the importance of placing the jersey in a glass case alongside other memorabilia reminiscent of glory days gone by, it amazed me as to how much time, effort and toil was spent returning it to its rightful owner. Honestly, there are folks less interested in returning human beings to their rightful owner! Think about it. We've been created in the image of the Almighty God. We chose to live a life of sin. Jesus came to 'find us', reclaim us, wash us and display us for the world to see. But, you'll fail to see the importance of folks giving their life to Christ in the headlines. It's just not that interesting, is it? Personally, I wouldn't have given you \$100 for the jersey, unless I could have made a huge profit, which I'm certain it could have. But I'd sure like to see folks redeemed from their sins. News like that need to be tomorrow's headlines.

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

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Good Morning!

Prayer Requests

- ♥Please keep Ken Holbert, Leah Earle 's father in your prayers.
- ♥Don Gull asks that we keep his brother Dallas as well as Dallas' wife in our prayers.
- ♥Continue to pray for Edwina Summers, Harold Phillips, Greg Toothman, Gentry Vass, Paula Huber, Rolle Sullivan, Joan Lough, Nola McKain, Rick Pyles, Buck Osborne, Bill Davis.
- ♥ Charlotte Wilson asks that we pray for her daughter, Shelly Cunningham.
- ♥Keep Betty Jo Shaffer in your prayers as she recovers from her recent set back. She returned home from UPMC last week. She asks for continued prayers for Dallas as he is approaching a transitional period.
- ♥Robert Moore had an ultrasound on his liver just to make sure all is well. He and Mary await results.
Surgery for Robert: April 20th to have back surgery at UHC
- ♥ Rosanne Orwig (friend of Benita DePriest) had tests for breast cancer this past week and is now awaiting results.
- ♥Please keep Tim Cochran in your prayers. He is nephew of Charlotte Wilson and had suffered with a temperature of 105 for a week.
- ♥Prayers are requested for Mavis Fluharty. Mavis had an MRI on Friday morning at UHC. Doctors believe she suffers from two slipped disks.

News & Notes

Easter Egg Hunt & Luncheon will be on Sunday, April 9th immediately following the morning service. Please bring a covered dish and join the fun! Our **Spring Friend and Family Day** will be on Sunday, April 30th. Please mark your calendars!

Ladies Retreat – All ladies are invited to attend a Ladies Retreat on May 19th & 20th. For more information, please see Jerry Criss, Tammy Hayhurst or Marsha Sparks. There is also a brochure and sign-up sheet on the back table in the auditorium with more details.

Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 5th. If you would like to help, please see Mary Lough. Theme is "Happy Trails...The West of the Story".

Pleasant Acres – Kevin is looking for someone who would be interested in being on the Board of Directors for Pleasant Acres Christian Haven. If you are interested, please see Kevin.

Need list for Pleasant Acres:

Q Tips, Fabreeze, Clorox wipes, muscle rub, tennis balls.
Please see Linda Hawkinberry for more information.