

# ~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

*We've been designed for purpose*

Years ago Rick Warren published the now infamous book, "*The purpose driven life*". It was a springboard for other books written in that series of understanding and appreciating our purpose. It was also a best seller. Rick is a man of integrity. Of the fortune he gained from producing the book, many of the proceeds went to pay back the church (where he preaches) a lump sum total of his wages from the time he'd been employed at Saddleback church. Regardless as to how you see his view of scripture, none can question his motives. Speaking of purpose, we need to understand when the fall occurred in the Garden of Eden, it wasn't that man fell from his union with God, primarily. In the garden, God walked with man in a relationship unhindered by sin. Even though he walked *with* man, he did not reside *in* man. It wasn't that Adam fell from the salvation God offers us through Christ. It was more the understanding that when Adam fell, he fell from purpose, hence why Warren's purpose driven books have received such attention. When Adam fell, he fell horribly short of what God had created him to be and to do. He lost all ability to bear in himself God's intended testimony and to abide in his created purpose. In other words, he "*fell short of the glory of God.*" (Romans 3:23). Remember, Adam and Eve didn't fall from God's grace because they touched something with their hands. They fell from his grace because they had first accepted something into their heart. Man's fall came when he swallowed Satan's lie. The sad truth of man's fall brought on a new perception Adam had never experienced before. Now he was Self-aware, Self-consumed, and SELF-condemned. Satan had permanently altered and had entirely corrupted the way they viewed themselves and their Creator. They changed their God-given perspective (the perspective that would have given them purpose) substance and life for their own purpose and perspective. Truth was compromised and self was promoted. Sounds like the world we inhabit today, does it not? The way, the truth and the life still have their origin in God. It's now in Christ Jesus, our Savior. Give your heart to Him today and embrace the purpose for which you were originally created.

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

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## *Good Morning!* *Prayer Requests*

- ♥Robert Moore is in pain. He and Mary ask for prayers on behalf of Bob.
- ♥Greg Toothman successfully made it through his recent surgery
- ♥Clara Belle has been admitted to UHC after breaking her hip. She is currently going through rehabilitation.
- ♥Please pray for Judy Securo 's brother in law, Earl Cutright. He has requested our prayers.
- ♥Continue to pray for Harold Phillips, Gentry Vass, Paula Huber, Ken Holbert, Edwina Summers, Rolle Sullivan, Joan Lough, Nola McKain, Dallas Shaffer, Buck Osborne, and Bill Davis.
- ♥Prayers are requested for Bella, Linda Huber 's great niece. She's suffering from depression.
- ♥Stephenie Stadelman is now home and is recovering from Cdiff virus. Please pray Stephanie never has a recurrence of this disease.
- ♥Please pray for the little girl, Aubri, the little girl who LeeAnn Tonkery is trying to obtain guardianship over her.
- ♥Prayers are requested for Mavis Fluharty. Doctors believe she suffers from two slipped disks.

## *News & Notes*

Our **Spring Friend and Family Day** will be on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for a Covered Dish Luncheon following our morning service.

**Ladies Retreat** – All ladies are invited to attend a Ladies Retreat on May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup> If you would like to help, please see Mary Lough. Theme is "Happy Trails...The West of the Story"

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