

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

I really didn't know what to expect...

As is my custom, I include some thoughts I've had this previous week in the bulletin. Today is no different. I'll be sharing some thoughts with you in regard to this special day, our Friend Day. It may be that before darkening the threshold of the front door you didn't know what to expect in visiting us. If I may, allow me to ease your concerns. The people you'll see today are made up of pretty much the same kind of folks you'll find in any group of people. We've got our friendly, happy, and loving folks and we have some who may not seem as friendly, happy or loving. We're a diverse group, coming from varied backgrounds that are at different stages of knowledge and spiritual growth. We readily admit that we don't know everything; that we don't always do things right...that we don't always treat each other as we should; that we haven't *arrived*—but that we're simply on the journey (together). We aren't brought here by any illusion of our perfection or righteousness. We were brought together by our recognition that we are sinners in need of the cleansing blood of Jesus. That's the reason we can worship together, stick together, and with God's help, accomplish some things that make a difference. You won't have to look very far to find failures, but the bottom line is that you will find people who love Jesus, who are dedicated to His Word, and who do their level best to adhere to His teachings. Thanks for sharing this special day with us. It means SO MUCH to have you worship our Creator alongside us! Stick around after the conclusion of the services today. Join us in our lower fellowship hall. Break bread with us. The only thing you're required to bring is yourself and an appetite! We love having you here, and we want to express our appreciation by sharing ourselves with you.

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

Kevin

If you are visiting with us this morning please know that you are our honored guest! We would like to invite you to join us immediately following services for a luncheon in the Lower Fellowship Hall. Please be sure to sign the Guest Book located in the front foyer. If you have any questions or would like to set up a personal Bible Study, please see one of our ministers or ushers as you leave today. We hope that your worship experience this morning leaves you feeling uplifted and closer to God. Please feel free to take anything you would like on the table in the Caring Corner which is located in the front foyer. There are free Bibles, bookmarks, etc. Thank you for visiting with us today and come back soon!

Good Morning & Welcome!

Prayer Requests

- ♥Please continue to keep Kaylyn Lipscomb in your prayers. She is in Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh with a serious infection and had surgery this past week. Also, keep Susan in your prayers as well.
- ♥Prayers are requested for Noah Miller, Jr., son-in-law of Robert Tonkery. He is Ruby Memorial Hospital with fluid in his lungs.
- ♥Judy Securro 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.
- ♥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. She has an appointment on May 19th in Pittsburgh to finish her testing.
- ♥Mary Titchenell has requested prayers for her sister, Wilda Swisher. She is having back surgery on May 2nd.
- ♥Linda Huber would like prayers for her sister, Patsy, who is having problems with her blood pressure.
- ♥LeeAnn Tonkery's friend, Mike Stewart, had a heart attack this past week and is in need of prayers.

News and Notes

Teen Retreat – Please be sure to bring in your food items for the teen retreat by Wednesday, April 27th. If you have questions, please see Carla Lough or Joel Boggess.

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, May 1st. 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.

We will not be having services this evening.