

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

CONNECT

We started a new class this morning: "Laugh your way to a better marriage". If you or someone you know could benefit from this class, see me for details! This year's theme is "CONNECT". There are a variety of things we've been discussing in regard to what we connect to. Because January was depression awareness month, we discussed the subject of connecting with the healing God provides. February is considered by many as being the month of love. We shared messages with you on the subject of connecting with our mates. March was finances month! Because Easter falls in April, Joel and I have been giving messages on appreciating and embracing a Christ-centered life. In May we will be dealing with connecting with who we are in Christ Jesus: God's original design for His creation and our purpose in rediscovering who we are in Jesus. In June the subject matter will be: "Today, tomorrow & forever". In July we will be sharing certain truths in regard to evidences relating to where everything originated from. It's a study in apologetics or evidences as to why all things exist as they do. In August our sermons will discuss the subject of generations in relation to how God uses each of us (throughout all generations) for His glory. Because September is back to school month, we will be connecting with the importance of using the Word of God as our guide. We hope to share some practical truths with you in regard to how to study the bible. November we are excited to share with you "Kingdom" concepts. We speak often of Christ's church, but how often did Jesus share with us truths about the Kingdom of heaven? And December will round out 2017 with the subject of "God's present to mankind"...the birth of the Christ child. We hope you're able to be a part of this year's theme: Connect. If you're visiting with us today for our Friend's & Family Day, we're thrilled you decided to stop by. We hope to see you more often!

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

There will not be services this evening.

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**Welcome! Thank you for worshiping with us today!
Please join us for a covered dish luncheon immediately
after services this morning.**

Prayer Requests

- ♥ Pearl Gooden is still in UHC. She is doing well physically following her hernia surgery, but the trauma of the surgery has affected her mentally. Please keep her as well as Bud and Mary Ann in your prayers as they overcome their flu.
- ♥ Clarabelle Musgrove is also in UHC. She now suffers from a UTI and will not be released from the hospital until tomorrow.
- ♥ Robert Moore is doing some better but still requests prayers on his behalf.
- ♥ Continue to pray for the Osborne family. Buck lost his mother recently and is struggling. Also pray for Buck in regard to his physical condition.
- ♥ Judy Maple has requested prayers for her uncle (Bill Hawkins) as he has recently been moved to the VA Nursing Home.
- ♥ Mary Smallwood asks that we keep her mother-in-law in our prayers as she had surgery yesterday.
- ♥ Deb Carpenter asks for prayers for her and Ed's grandson (Collin Armour). As doctors were running tests to determine the cause of his shoulder pain they discovered a heart murmur.
- ♥ Edwina Summers is dealing with other health issues as doctors are trying to determine the cause of fluid retention. She had tests done on Thursday at UHC.
- ♥ Karen Tucker asks for prayers for Brenden Crites (her and Tommy's grandson). Brenden has a sleeping disorder and will be under a 48 hour observation period beginning today.

News & Notes

Baby Shower – All ladies are invited to attend a Baby Shower in honor of Erika & Caleb Lough on Saturday, May 6th at 1:00 PM in the Lower Fellowship Hall. They are having twin boys and are registered at Amazon. If you have questions, please see Mary Lough.

Pleasant Acres – Jean Phillips needs someone to take the meal to the residents at Pleasant Acres on Sunday, May 7th. Please see Jean for more details.

Senior Recognition Night will be on Sunday, May 7th at 6:00 PM. Please bring finger foods and join us after services to celebrate with the graduates.

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". Today we begin our Marriage Class in the upper fellowship hall. "**Laugh your way to a better Marriage**" by Mark Gungor is our topic of discussion. If you or anyone you know would benefit from this class, please see Kevin.

*National Day of Prayer will be held on the Marion County Court House steps