

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

Trying to figure it out...

There are those who go through life in a state of discontentment simply because they're not able to completely understand why certain things are as they are. Try as they might, they cannot nail a concept down as resolutely as they wish, therefore, their days are filled with discontent. "If only I could understand" they quip, but that assurance escapes them time and again. Listen to these words found in Proverbs 3: 5-6 *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths."* While it's one thing to quote those verses, it's something else entirely different to live them! Remind yourself that understanding will never bring you the peace you're chasing. That's why we're instructed to TRUST! It's unfortunate that we have this voracious appetite for trying to figure things out. What we're saying to others is: "I will find contentment in learning mastery over this or that". Interestingly enough, though, as soon as we find "mastery" over one query, three have replaced the first one! Why is it we're more prone to seek 'mastery' over something instead of trusting the Master? Peace isn't some pipe dream which is short-lived in the life of a Christian. Peace is something imbedded deeply within the recesses of one's soul because of the ability one has to trust their Creator. Stop leaning on your own understanding and embrace the One whose purpose is to make your paths straight. Acknowledge Him in ALL your ways; not just the ones you don't think you can handle!

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

Thank You!

Special thanks to Phillip Dotson for coordinating yesterday's picnic! It was a tremendous success and it was a day enjoyed by all!

If you've not had opportunity, there is a sign-up sheet for items that need to be purchased for our Nursery School. Classes begin soon and there are items that must be procured. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!!

News and Notes

Camping Trip – A church camping trip is being planned for August 19th -21st at Cedar Creek just outside of Glenville. If anyone would like to go, please see Steven or Carla Lough by August 3rd so that they can confirm the sites. Anyone that would like to just go down for the day is more than welcome! Questions, please see Steven or Carla.

Area Wide Sing – We will be hosting the Area Wide Sing on Friday, August 26th from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Please bring finger foods for the refreshments following the sing.

Ladies Class – There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the front foyer if you would like to attend the Ladies Class. Please see Karen Tucker for more info.

Prayer Requests

♥Continue to lift up Edwina Summers, Harold Phillips, Darrell Freeman, Kaylyn Lipscomb, Margaret Brand, Joan Hall, Dallas Shaffer, Mary Smallwood, Becky McCoy, David & Sandy Gooden and Buck Osborne in your prayers.

♥Eddie Swick is at the VA hospital and is in need of prayers.

♥Please keep Noah Miller, Jr. in your prayers. He is the son-in-law of Robert Tonkery. He had to have his foot amputated this past week to due an infection and diabetes.

♥Please keep Jonah DePriest in your prayers. His lungs weren't fully developed after his birth. Doctors are optimistic about his recovery. At last report, he seems to be doing much better.

♥June Postlethwait is recovering from a recent knee replacement.

♥Joann Hall is still going through chemotherapy. Keep her in your prayers and encourage her with cards.

♥Mary Lough had surgery this past Wednesday morning. She had a fatty tumor removed from her right ankle. *Special thanks to Benita DePriest for bringing supper to Kevin and Mary on Thursday evening!!*

♥Doctors have discovered 2 cysts and a mass on Greg Toothman's kidney. (This is Charlotte Wilson's brother). Greg has lost 15 lbs and is struggling with diabetes.

♥Eddie Swick is in the Meadow Manor Convalescent home in Bridgeport. He could certainly use some encouragement at this time as he's very discouraged.

♥Buck Osborne is still dealing with health issues related to his diabetes. Please keep him in your prayers.

♥Joan Lough (Kevin & Steven Lough's mother) is recovering from a recent fall that caused her to crush her sinus cavities. Doctors are optimistic for a full recovery.

♥Kim McGuinness (a lady from Parkersburg we have prayed for in times past) passed away last week as the result of a brain tumor. She leaves behind a husband and two children.

♥Continue to pray for Jenny Seccuro. She is with child and the family wishes for us to pray for her and Jason.