

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

There's always hope

This past Tuesday was a day that started like many other days. I got up, made my coffee and went to the living room to do my morning devotional before heading to the office. I knew this day would be somewhat special because it was the first day our Nursery School students would be coming to school. I figured (rightfully so) that there would be some children who would struggle to release the grip around mommy or daddy's neck. I also knew my nephew (Eli) would be coming to school for the first time and I made sure to greet him when he came through the door. But what I WASN'T expecting was a call from my uncle. You see, my uncle is 86 years old. My uncle is my father's only brother. My uncle is one who was raised by grandfather and grandmother (Godly examples in the Lord's church). And, my uncle was also one who had never made a commitment to Christ by putting Him on in baptism. So, I was a little shocked that he had called me. He asked how my schedule looked and I thought he was going to ask me to come to the convalescent home my aunt was in to pray with her or to help him with her in some way. Imagine my surprise when he told me he wanted to be baptized into Christ! I was stunned! I had gone to talk to him numerous times about making a commitment to Christ in times past to no avail. My father had spoken to him many, many times on the phone and in person about the importance of accepting Jesus as his Savior. Add to that the fact that my uncle had been through open heart by-pass surgery in times past as well. We knew time was of the essence. And, then...my phone rang this morning. I know there are folks in your family who (for whatever reason) have never made a commitment to Jesus and I know some of you have all but given up hope. Can I encourage you to pray for them once again? Can I encourage you to lift them up to your heavenly Father one more time to turn their life over to Jesus? Who knows? You might receive a phone call just like I did. And, your day will certainly be filled with new hope!

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

Kevin

Happy Grandparents Day!

Prayer Requests

- ♥Harry Summers (our India Missions Evangelist) will join us this evening for a presentation on his most recent trip. We at the Whitehall church are deeply involved in this work! Please come and listen to Harry's latest report.
- ♥Mary Smallwood is dealing with a very large kidney stone and is in need of our prayers.
- ♥Gene Robinson (son in law to Don & Edith Gull) has been diagnosed with cancer again. Doctors have installed a port for Gene to receive his chemotherapy.
- ♥Robert Lough (Kevin & Steven Lough's uncle) was baptized into Christ this past Tuesday morning. Robert is 86 years of age!
- ♥Continue to pray for Edwina, Francis & Joan Lough, Randy & Margie Kisner, Darrell Freeman, Harold Phillips, Judy Securo, John Pheasant, Marsha Kisner, Joann Hall, Sharon Little, Kaylyn Lipscomb, Pat Morris, Margret Brand, Noah Miller Jr., and Buck Osborne.
- ♥Prayers have been requested for Vicki Nuzum. Vicki has been maintaining a constant vigil over her father (Pat Morris) who is terminally ill. Ask God to give Vicki the strength she needs to care for her father.
- ♥Harry Summer's daughter (Brooke) had emergency gall bladder surgery this past Wednesday.
- ♥Congratulations to Megan Tucker. Pray for her as she begins her journey with Christ. Megan committed her life to Christ by taking him on in baptism this past Tuesday!

News and Notes

India Mission Trip – Harry Summers will be here on Sunday, September 11th at 6:00 PM to discuss with us his recent trip to India. Please make plans to attend.

MOPS – The MOPS (Mother's of Preschoolers) will begin meeting on Wednesday, September 14th from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM in the Upper Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please see JoAnna Kirk.

Fall Festival – Our annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 8th. More info coming soon!!! If you would like to help, please see Dave or Holly White.