

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

Being present for His Present

Last Sunday evening, we talked about spiritual gifts and the truth that each and every one of us possess at least one, if not more spiritual gifts. It's not about our talent, our ability or even our 'giftedness'. It's about our willingness to be used by God to bring Him glory and serve each other. When we spend more time focusing on our ability than we do the capacity we possess to serve God, we miss the concept entirely. The capacity we have is God-given. We sometimes (mistakenly) think: "I have been a Christian for years and yet, I don't have any special 'ability' to do anything in the church, therefore, God must have not given me a gift." In reality, God has given every *born-again* believer at least one spiritual gift! Ability is a state of being, something that exists at the present. A capacity enables for the *future*. We sometimes think: now that I'm a Christian, I should have all these spiritual abilities to do this or that. That's not how it works. It involves time, effort, study, prayer and dedication to God. I don't give my life to Jesus in baptism on Monday and wake up Tuesday with supernatural gifts. And, yet, I wake up on Tuesday with the supernatural *capacity* to develop the supernatural *ability* to do this or that. 1 Cor. 12: 4-6 **"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And, there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which works all in all."** Paul isn't classifying the gifts into three categories, he's showing us their relationship to the Spirit, the Lord and our God. Although we think of spiritual gifts as coming only from the Holy Spirit, these verses show us that the function of spiritual gifts involves all three persons of the Trinity. God the Holy Spirit gives the gifts, God the Son places you in the ministry and God the Father gives the results. It's about Him, not us. God gives us the capacity to serve and by us making it about Him, we're able to be involved in the process.

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

Kevin

Good Morning & Welcome!

News and Notes

2016 Graduates Recognition Night will this evening, Sunday, May 16th at 6:00 PM. There will be a celebration with the graduates immediately following services.. Please bring finger foods and join us! If you have questions, please see Joel. Everyone welcome!

Nursery School Graduation will be held on Monday, May 23rd at 7:00 PM. Anyone that would like to come is more than welcome!

Vacation Bible School – VBS is June 5th – 8th with the picnic on June 9th. If you would like to help, please see Mary Lough.

Prayer Requests

♥Karen Tucker has requested prayers for her father, Russel King. He has been suffering from congestive heart failure and is now on Hospice. Also, she has requested prayers for her mother, Marian King, who is also on Hospice.

♥One of our Nursery School students is in need of your prayers. Jenna Hayhurst will be having surgery on June 2nd for a hernia in her abdomen.

♥Please pray for Peggy Miller (Robert Tonkery's daughter).. Peggy has been admitted to UPMC after being released from Morgantown. Doctors are concerned because Peggy's veins are in very bad shape and she's in need of dialysis. She's also dealing with an infection.

♥Continue to pray for Edwina Summers, Sharon Little, Marsha Kisner, Harold Phillips, Francis Lough, Joann Hall, Alice Posey, and Becky Smith.

♥Kaylyn Lipscomb is doing better. She is no longer on the vent and has been sitting up. Continue to pray for her, Susan and the family.

♥Frank Perry is still dealing with pneumonia.

♥Martin Dalton is still awaiting surgery for his eye.

♥Pray for the Jonathan Webster family (friend of Bud Lipscomb). Doctors have told Jonathan there's nothing they can do for his lungs. He was hoping for a transplant.

♥Lauren Loudermilk asks that we pray for her mother (Brenda) as she goes through cancer treatments.

♥Jennifer Summers' mother (Patty Kisner) has been experiencing chest pains.

*A friend of Kevin's from the Central Church of Christ has been experiencing high blood pressure and stress. His name is Loren Matheny.

♥Mandy Rennix asks that we keep a coworker of hers in our prayers. (Margret) had an accident at work.

♥Sue Born (mother in law of Brenda Grant Born) has been diagnosed with cancer for the third time. She was on a clinical trial for the 2nd cancer, but will have to discontinue that treatment now.