

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

Obedience in the big and little things

Often, God's instructions to us are given to see just how obedient we are to His commands. Consider Peter, professional fisherman, being instructed by the new Rabbi, Jesus, to cast his net at the most un-opportune part of the day. An unproductive night's work no doubt left Peter tired. Yet he willingly brought Jesus on board and then pushed his boat out from shore so the Teacher's words would carry to the crowd. When the Lord finished speaking, He told the experienced fisherman to head out to deeper water. Peter knew the timing for a good catch was wrong, but he obeyed and was blessed with not one, but two boatloads of fish. Paul was commissioned to go to the Gentiles in light of severe persecution from devout Jews remaining adherent to Mosaic Law. I think it's sad that after the 'enlightenment' period we sometimes have seemingly over-educated ourselves out of obedience. But NOTHING is more important than being obedient to the One who desires what's best for us! Don't miss this obvious truth: often God's blessings result from our compliance with seemingly insignificant requests. Though we may prefer He ask us to perform great tasks that will impact large crowds, obedience in small matters is our proving ground. If we refuse His prompting to perform some minor action, what reason have we given Him to trust us with a more important responsibility?

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

Good Morning!

News & Notes

- **Pumpkin Center Church of Christ** with Brent Gallagher: This week - October 5th-10th.
- **Salem Church of Christ** with Paolo Di Luca from the Bridge Street Church of Christ: October 5th-10th. Details on flyers in foyer
- **Christ's Beautiful Bride**: Lessons on the Lord's Church is the theme for this year's Cold Harbor Lectures October 30th-November 2nd. Details on flyer in foyer
- **Giving Tee** - Remember the donations on the giving tree out in the foyer. These items benefit Hope Domestic Shelter. Tammy Ross initiated this benefit, so if you would like to contribute or have questions please see Dianne Tonkery or Tanya Robe.
- **Ladies Retreat** is just around the corner! If you've not yet registered, please see Marsha Sparks. Dates are October 10th and 11th.

Upcoming Events

- ♦ **Senior Saints Bible Study** will begin on Wednesday, November 5th at 11:00 AM. Topic of study will be the book of Proverbs. The class will be taught by Kevin Lough. All Senior Saints are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more info, please see Kevin.

Prayer Requests ♥

- ♥ Please continue to keep Edwina Summers in your prayers.
- ♥ Please keep Gene Robinson in your prayers. Gene is Don & Edith Gull's son-in-law who is dealing with stage 4 inoperable cancer.
- ♥ Keep Deb Carpenter in your prayers as she is recovering from her fall.
- ♥ Jim Retzler was admitted to Mon Gen this past week because of complications from his spinal surgery at Cleveland Clinic.
- ♥ Prayers have been requested for Dave & Vicki Bucy. Vicki's mother passed away recently and her services were held in Union Town this past week.
- ♥ Mark and Megan Jones (minister & wife at Pumpkin Center) are proud parents of a baby girl!
- ♥ Dallas Boggs (Friend of Jasmine Lipscomb) has been released from the hospital after a recent bout of pneumonia.
- ♥ Please continue to keep Keith Kisner in your prayers.
- ♥ Ruth Wilt has been diagnosed with lung cancer and will be having surgery in the very near future. Please keep Ruth in your prayers.
- ♥ Joan Matheny is also in need of prayers as she has not been feeling well.