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No One Like Jesus

"...only Sovereign, the King of Kings and Lord of lords" (1 Timothy 6:15)

Speaking to one of his officers who did not believe in the deity of Jesus, Napoleon Bonaparte said:

"I know men, and I tell you that Jesus Christ is not a mere man. Superficial minds see a resemblance between Him and the founders of empires and the gods of their religions. That resemblance does not exist. There is between Christianity and the forms of pagan worship the distance of infinity.

"Everything in Christ astonishes me. His spirit overawes me, and His will confounds me. He commands us to believe and gives no reason besides His own inspiring claim, 'I AM GOD.'

"Between Him and others in this world there is no possible comparison. He is truly a Being by Himself. His sentiments, the truths which He announced, and His manner of life are unexplainable.

"Philosophers who try to solve the mysteries of the universe by their empty dissertations are fools!...Christ...speaks with authority. The closer I come, the more carefully I examine Him; everything is above me...and has a grandeur which overpowers...I search in vain in history to find one similar to Jesus or anything which can approach the Gospel He preached. Everything about Him is extraordinary.

"He asks for that for which a philosopher may seek in vain at the hands of his friends....He asks for the human heart; and He will have it entirely to Himself.

One day every knee will bow before Jesus and admit that He is Lord of lords, the only Sovereign who is King of kings.

As Napoleon so accurately observed, *"If Socrates reappeared, we would do him honor, but if Jesus Christ came into the room, we would fall down and worship Him."* He does ask for the human heart. And His request is unconditional. Only Christ is Lord of all, King of all, and Savior of all. There is truly no one like Him.

___ Al Behel

Our Known Sick

Dez Anderson—multiple health issues, including MS

Andrea Weddington—cervical cancer; to begin chemotherapy soon

Jan Messick—still cancer free

Lancaster Littleton has experienced a recurrence of cancer and has been undergoing chemotherapy.

Bill England—cancer and other health issues

Esther Stewart had shoulder surgery this week. Undergoing physical therapy and has experienced a lot of pain.

Betty Graves—diagnosed with cancer

Joe Bostick had a LVAD (Left Ventricular Assist Device) installed last week in Texas. This device is designed to assist a failed heart.

Debby Bryan—Cancer; **Johnny Bryan**—health issues; **Clara Mayberry**—confined to home.

Jose Martinez is in LeConte, Rm. 342, suffering from pancreatitis and awaiting gall bladder surgery.

Friends and Family

Christopher Howell (grandson of the Littletons—spinal cord injuries suffered in automobile accident), **Arania Blount** (Brenda Scott's sister)—cancer markers have increased, **Betty Langdon** (Ginny Cliett's sister—mental confusion issues), **Rose Parker** (daughter-in-law of Ray & Faye Parker—suffering from Leukemia), **Jennifer Fulk** (daughter of Billy & Barbara Helms—recurrence of cancer), **Sheila Watson** (Ryan's mother—kidney failure), problems), **Donna Trout** (Judy Lassetter's sister-in-law in Nashville—infection attacking her liver), **Robin McCollum and Peggy McCollum** (Al's nieces—both battling cancer), **Shelby Daniels** (medical technologist in clinic with Al—aggressive brain tumor), **Libby and Larry Gilley** (friends of Dwight Grizzell—she has breast cancer), **Allegra Tedesco**, daughter of the Cliett's neighbors in Connecticut who is an incoming freshman at UT, born with faulty kidney—had successful surgery this week. **Liam Finnell**, grandson of Beverly, major health problems, **Mary Galyon**, Rachel Wilson's mother-in-law, battling leukemia.

Church Family News and Events

Rise and Shine—Every Sunday morning at 9:15. A special opportunity for all our children to join together for a fun time of singing, Bible stories, puppets, and encouraging activities. Parents are asked to arrive a few minutes early. Bible classes will follow at 9:30.

Other Church Family News Events

Mark Your Calendars: October 4-6—Brad Harrub will be with us for a weekend series on Creation/Evolution and related topics. This is a tremendous opportunity to reach out to our neighbors. The decision to bring Dr. Harrub was made after our budget was set and the elders are suggesting that we make individual pledges to cover the expense (approx. \$4-5,000).

Money Tree: In the foyer for Alison Garrett and Dawes Cooke, who will be married in Charleston, SC on June 15. Alison is the daughter of David and Rita. She is in graduate school at Columbia University and is currently working at the UN. Dawes works with Freedom House in New York.

Honoring A Special Graduate: We invite everyone to share in honoring our high school graduate, **Lydia Cantrell**, tonight following our worship. Lydia is a very special person who has faithfully represented Christ through an exemplary life and excellence as a student. We are proud of her and lift her up for the person she is. Bring food to share and join us as we recognize Lydia.

Sermon Topics: A.M.—*"In My Father's House"* P.M.—*"Great Stories of the Bible—Elijah"*

VBS

Mark your calendars for **June 7-8** for our Vacation Bible School.

Sunday Adult Bible Class
The Holy Spirit

Next Book of The Month Meeting—June 4, 7-9 pm
Book: Jeremiah

Times of Services

Sunday A.M.

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Sunday P.M. 6:00 PM

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Building Fund

Loan balance as of 02/15/13 is **\$1,211,285.50** Extra contributions to reduce the loan debt are needed and appreciated. Envelopes are available in the pew.

Nursery

Located across main foyer. Closed circuit TV allows viewing and participation in worship.

CDs and DVDs of Sermons are available free at sound booth. Also available on the website at: www.greatsmokymountainschurchofchrist.com.