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Jesus, I Give You Me!

A bus ministry worker knocked on the door of a house near their church building. A nine-year old boy came to the door. The worker asked if his parents were home. "No, they have gone away for the weekend. I am here with my little brother. I take care of him." Shocked that a nine-year old would be left in charge of his little brother for an entire weekend, the worker asked if he could pick him and his brother up for church the next day. The little boy was excited and said he had never been to church before. The worker told him about Jesus and how he gave himself for us. The child was moved by the story and was even more eager to go to church the next day.

The next morning at worship the children sat quietly in the pew listening but not understanding a lot of what they saw and heard. Finally, several men went to the front of the auditorium and picked up wooden plates which they started passing down the isles. The little boy watched intensely, trying to figure out what was happening. People were placing money in those plates. As the plate started down the pew where he was sitting, the little boy suddenly realized what was happening. "The people are giving money to Jesus!!"

As the plate passed by the little boy he fumbled to see if he could find any coins in his pocket, but there were none. He took hold of the plate and held it for several seconds before passing it to the next person. He kept watching as it went to the next rows behind him. Then, as if he couldn't stop himself, he rushed out of the pews into the isle and asked the man with the plate to let him hold it. He took the plate, placed it on the floor and stepped into it. Looking upward, he said loudly, "Jesus, I give you me!!" — Al

VBS WAS GREAT!!

VBS was a great success! The children and grown-ups had a wonderful time. Several children from the community attended. We appreciate Mark, the teachers, and all volunteers who gave so freely of your time and energy. Please visit the classrooms today to see what the teachers did to make this a wonderful experience for the children.



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. Guests are asked to take a flyer from the foyer back to your congregation. We hope you will plan to attend.

Alison Garrett and Dawes Cooke will be married next Saturday in Charleston, S.C. Alison is the daughter of David and Rita.

Guest Speaker, June 16: Mike Jacobs, the evangelist whom we support in Cape Town, South Africa, will be here on Sunday morning, June 16, to report on that work and preach for us. His family will not be with him this visit but we do have a current picture of the whole family posted on the bulletin board. Let's look forward to that report and his visit and continue to pray for their work in Cape Town.

Sermon Topics: A.M.—"In My Father's House, No. 4—My House is A House of Love" P.M.—"Great Stories of the Bible: Ruth and Naomi"

Our Known Sick

Dez Anderson—multiple health issues, including MS
Andrea Weddington—cervical cancer. Keep praying for her as she has started chemotherapy.
Jan Messick—still cancer free
Lancaster Littleton—recurrence of cancer. Resumed chemotherapy.
Bill England—cancer and other health issues. Started chemotherapy.
Betty Graves—diagnosed with cancer
Joe Bostick had a LVAD (Left Ventricular Assist Device) installed to assist a failed heart.
Debby Bryan—Cancer; **Johnny Bryan**—health issues; **Clara Mayberry**—confined to home.
Kathy May was taken back to Cookeville Hospital on Saturday with severe nausea. She had recently been hospitalized with pneumonia.
Heather Cox's dad is improving. Heather and the girls are back.
Rachael Wilson—scheduled for exploratory surgery on June 10. Andy's mother is also experiencing health problems.
Cathy Haynes fell in D.C. on the school trip and severely injured her ankle and knee. She is now home to recover.

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—recovering from brain surgery), **Libby and Larry Gilley** (friends of Dwight Grizzell—she has breast cancer), **Connie Browning** (Sue Mercer's sister) treatment for cancer.

Afghanistan—Bryan Darilek, Major, U.S. Army, in a 9 month deployment. He is the son-in-law of Rick and Ginny Cliett and husband of Laura. **Woody Chambers**, cousin of Rick's, is also deployed.

Rise & Shine—Every Sunday morning at 9:15. Kids—join us for singing, puppets, and stories.

Sunday Adult Bible Class
The Holy Spirit

Next Book of The Month Meeting—June 25, 7-9 pm
Book: Jeremiah & Joel

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 05/19/13 is **\$1,206,186.91**. 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.