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A 30% Chance of Rain

Have you noticed that when the weatherman predicts a 30% chance of rain for the following day some people alter major life plans? What that really means is that 70% of the time when weather conditions are like those he is observing it does *not* rain.

We all know the eternal optimist who runs headlong with no consideration for negative consequences. But there is a bigger problem from the eternal negativist who sees everything through dirty glasses. For him the glass is always half empty. Then there are people who might be called "*pess-optimists*" who believe that things will get better but not good enough. They are also stuck with gloomy attitudes.

Weathermen have a rough job and they often miss the mark. Still, we rely on them for daily plans. But, when it comes to life-decisions we don't have to predict the future. We all know that it will be filled with a mixture of good and bad. We don't have to know what the future holds because we know the God is Lord of the past, present and future. In Him we have "*fail-safe*" living. The future is in His hands...and so are we.

— Al Behel

School Clothing Drive: Mark Checks "School Clothing" & leave at sound booth.

Sympathy To: **Marc Hayes** in the death of his mother, **Jessie Morganti**. Her memorial service was yesterday in Murray, KY. Also, to **Ray and Faye Parker**, in the death of their daughter-in-law, **Rose Parker**, who passed away a few days ago from Leukemia.

Polishing The Pulpit: Continues through August 29 at the Sevierville Events Center. Registration is \$150.00 for first time attendees; \$215 for returning adults. A one day pass is \$100. Reduced fees apply for teens and widows and widowers over 60 years of age. This is a spiritual renewal conference sponsored by the Jacksonville, AL Church of Christ.

Our Thanks To: **John Jenkins** for leading the Book of the Month study each month since 2008. John has led studies throughout the Bible and his leadership has been greatly appreciated. We also want to thank John for his excellent work in creating and maintaining our church website. He continues to post our weekly sermons and Bible class studies online and make changes as needed. We are grateful for the many hours of work he devotes to furthering the cause of Christ.

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. Dr. Harrub is a scientist who specializes in Christian apologetics. This is a tremendous opportunity to reach out to our neighbors. Guests are asked to take post cards from the foyer back to your congregation. We hope you will plan to attend. This series would be of special benefit to your students who are being challenged by theories that are designed to discourage faith in God.



Following is the seminar schedule:

- Friday—7 p.m.—Atheism's Attack on America
- Saturday—6 p.m.—Can We Prove God Exists? Was Darwin Wrong?
- Sunday—9:30 a.m.—Jesus on Trial in 2013
- 10:30 a.m.—Faith for Life

Today's Sermon Topics: A.M.—"*Nothing But A Liar*"; P.M.—"*Dumber Than A Donkey*"

Interpreter for deaf and hearing impaired available for AM and PM worship

Our Known Sick

Dez Anderson—multiple health issues, including MS

Andrea Weddington—has been treated for cervical cancer and received a report from her medical team that she is tumor free.

Jan Messick—still cancer free

Bill England—is battling cancer. He is currently receiving oral chemotherapy. We pray for positive results for our brother.

Betty Graves—diagnosed with cancer

Joe Bostick now at home in Texas after having a LVAD (Left Ventricular Assist Device) installed to assist a failed heart.

Debby Bryan—Cancer; **Johnny Bryan**—health issues.

Clara Mayberry—has been in the Pigeon Forge Rehabilitation Center following a fall in which she suffered a broken arm.

Kathy May recovering at home in Baxter.

Larry Valentine—crushed his right heel and fractured his right ankle from step-ladder fall. He will be required to wear a boot for three months and keep weight off his foot and ankle.

Heather Cox—received unfortunate news about her unborn baby's heart condition. After birth he will need to be transferred to Vanderbilt for stabilization followed by surgery soon afterward.

Friends and Family

Christopher Howell (grandson of the Littletons-spinal cord injuries suffered in automobile accident), **Aranía Blount** (Brenda Scott's sister)—cancer markers have increased, **Betty Langdon** (Ginny Cliett's sister—mental confusion issues), **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); Sue Mercer's sister, **Connie Browning**, is being treated for breast cancer; Beverly Finnell's grandson, **Liam Finnell**, is having health issues. Also, we just learned that **Brad Harrub's** 46 year old brother suffered a stroke this week. (Brad is scheduled to be with us in October).

Afghanistan—Major Bryan Darilek, U.S. Army, in a 9 month deployment. He is the son-in-law of Rick and Ginny Cliett and husband of Laura. He is scheduled to return home soon. Please pray for his safety.

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 for August has been cancelled.

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 08/01/13 is **\$1,209,917.80**. 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.