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A Life-Time Warranty

Have you ever bought a product with a life-time warranty? You were confident that if some part malfunctioned that you could rely on the manufacturer to take care of it. Sometimes your confidence was justified and other times you were left with a broken and useless item.

Long ago King David said of his Creator, "You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works . . . How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!" (Ps. 139:13-14,17). David understood that only God understood the deepest thoughts of his heart and needs of his life. He also knew that God had his back and would be there for him.

David knew he had a life-time warranty. God would always stand by His product and make necessary repairs when He was asked. David recognized his dependence on God as the only one who could fix damaged life. When he sinned and turned to Him with a broken heart and willing spirit God eagerly met his need and restored him to wholeness.

Do you realize that you have a *life-time* warranty? It never expires and can be utilized anytime you choose. God made you in His image and after His likeness. When that image is marred or broken because of careless and destructive decisions and actions, He stands ready to receive your request for help and restoration. You don't have to stay broken. There are problems too big for you to fix. Too complex for you to understand.

Your life-time warranty is guaranteed with the blood of God's own Son. There is no one like Him. He was called the "only begotten" Son of God. His unique status of being equal with God and man ensures that He understands and cares about your deepest struggles. He also knows that the demands of a holy and righteous God must be met for sin to be eradicated and destroyed from our lives. His cross opened the door for sinful man to return to holy God. Just let Him know your need and He will answer.

___ Al Behel

Elder Contact for Month: Jim Anderson at 865-924-1067

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 a post card 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
- 1:30 p.m.—Value of Human Life

Today's Sermon Topics: A.M.- "Can You Walk On Water?"; P.M.- "Great Stories of the Bible: Samuel, A Faithful Servant Who Never Wavered"

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

Our Known Sick

- Dez Anderson**—multiple health issues, including MS
- Andrea Weddington**—treated for cervical cancer and received a report from her medical team that she is tumor free.
- Bill England**—is battling cancer. He is currently receiving oral chemotherapy. We pray for positive results for our brother.
- Debby Bryan**—Cancer; **Johnny Bryan**—health issues.
- Clara Mayberry**—broken arm suffered in a recent fall.
- Kathy May** recovering at home in Baxter.
- Larry Valentine**—recovering from a fall and broken ankle.
- Heather Cox**—continue to pray for her unborn child who has a heart condition and will require immediate surgery following birth.

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), **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; **Sara Teel**, daughter of Robin Roberts, is dealing with several health issues; Rick Cliett's 90 year old aunt **Doris Chambers** is recovering from multiple broken bones in her leg suffered from a fall while getting ready for church in Texas; Michael Cliett's girlfriend's mother, **Paula Ramos**, suffering from breast cancer; Tom Elkins' sister-in-law, **Joyce Elkins** had surgery for cancer followed by a car accident resulting in several broken ribs and other injuries; Patty Adair's son-in-law's mother, **Robin Bell**, very serious surgery for ruptured blood vessels in her stomach.

Sympathy: To **Leif Kihlberg**, in the death of his father, Arne Kihlberg, who passed away a few days ago in Sweden. Leif will be traveling there this week for the funeral service. Please keep him, Tracey, and Cody in your prayers.

Ladies: Ladies Bible Study will meet October 1 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. See Sue Hayes for study sheets.

Adult Bible Class

"Rejoicing In The Lord"
A Study in Philippians

Rise & Shine: Sundays, 9:15

School Clothing Drive

Mark checks "School Clothing" & leave at sound booth.

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 **\$1,190,654.23**. 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.