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Let Me See Your Tongue

When a doctor asks to see your tongue he is not interested in whether you have been eating grape popsicles. He is looking to see if there is anything unusual which will aid in diagnosing your health condition. Your tongue tells a great deal about you.

Peter had a problem with his tongue. Not only did he curse and swear that he did not know Jesus, when he opened his mouth his speech betrayed him. The people who heard him speak could tell by his dialect that he was a Galilean. "Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you" (Mt. 26:73). They knew he had been with Jesus.

Our speech tells a lot about us. Our dialect may reveal the region of the country or world from which we came, but the content of our speech tells much more. Those who are excited about serving Jesus speak eagerly about his redemptive love. Those whose hearts are set on the earth speak of everyday things, the accumulation of wealth, and the worldly pleasures they enjoy.

Those whose hearts are full of God overflow with communications of love and hope for those around them. They speak words of encouragement to the faint-hearted and tender mercies to those who struggle with sin. Their tongue is a fountain of refreshing comfort to the lonely and hurting people around them.

For others, their tongues reveal corrupt and degenerate hearts. They speak words that degrade others, destroy reputations, or reveal a base affection for the world. They mix truth with deception and love with sinful desire. Their tongues betray them.

Button up your lip securely
'Gainst the words that bring a tear,
But be swift with words of comfort,
Words of praise, and words of cheer. --Loucks

— Al Behel

Other News/Sick:

Jerry and Jeanette Dyer—keep in prayer as they travel to Australia where they will be encouraging the church.

Shawn Malloy: It is good to have Shawn and Darlene back with us after several months of rehabilitation following surgery.

Honduras Project: We are raising funds (\$2500) to build a second bathroom in the church building in La Esperanza. Donations may be made out to the GSM church and earmarked for Honduras.

Debbie Little, mother of one of Marti's students, is suffering from a brain aneurysm rupture. Michael is a 4th grader who is very scared for his mom. His dad expressed a desire that we keep Debbie, Michael, and the family in prayer.

Brad Harrub CD's: available at www.greatsmokymountainchurchofchrist.com.

Members: A directory for each family is available in the administration room (next to Al's office). At this time there are no extra's available.

Tyler Behel, Al's nephew, has been re-deployed to Afghanistan. Prayers are requested for him and his wife and child as he is away.

Paul Huston, son-in-law of Gary and Priscilla Dick, deployed to Egypt for one year. Prayers appreciated.

Elder Contact for Month: Jim Anderson, Phone No. 924-1067

Sermon Topics: A.M. - "Who Is A Real Christ Follower?" No. 3; P.M. - "At Home In The Psalms-Settled In Heaven", Psalm 119:89

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

Our Known Sick

Dez Anderson— continues to battle multiple health issues and her activity level is very limited. Keep praying...God is listening and answering.

Sheryle Elkins has completed chemotherapy and radiation for Adenocarcinoma (lung cancer). A CT scan is scheduled for 11/7 to determine if there is anything new. A PET scan in 3 months should show if the treatments were successful. Please keep praying for our sister. Her address is: 1383 Lake Front Drive, Dandridge, TN 37725.

Bill Greene underwent gallbladder surgery a week ago. He also has pneumonia and a urinary tract infection. He has been transferred to Ft. Sanders Sevier Nursing Home for rehab and recovery. Keep in prayer.

Andrea Weddington is in Ft. Sanders Regional, Rm 327. She had stents installed to unblock her kidneys. Doctors are examining a mass to determine if it is scar tissue or something more serious. Her address is: 201 Clear Point Lane, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863.

Clara Mayberry—still confined to home.

Kathy May—ill in Baxter. You can send her a card at P.O. Box 465, Baxter, TN 38544-0463.

Angie Daimwood—Room 136 at Wellspring, the new assisted living facility near Wellington Place and LeConte Medical Center.

Friends and Family

Judy Lassetter's sister, Linda, diagnosed with colon cancer.

Jim Dickson (he and Barbara have worked at Dollywood and worshipped with us several years) has a recurrence of lung cancer and is being treated with chemotherapy. Keep them in prayer.

Scottie Elkins, Tom and Deb's grandson, is still awaiting tests to determine if he has MS. Prayers are requested for him.

Christopher Howell—grandson of the Littletons—spinal cord injuries.

Robin McCollum and Peggy McCollum (Al's nieces—battling cancer). Sue Mercer's sister, **Connie Browning,** breast cancer.

Rick Cliett's brother, **Ken Cliett,** is battling Ascites and kidney failure. He has been moved to a nursing facility close to his children.

Jerry Ellison, Brenda Scott's brother-in-law, failing lungs with no further treatment available.

Al's brother, Tom Behel, - improving; his speech is still limited.

Madison Stanley, seven year old granddaughter of friends of the Clietts—has completed chemotherapy and is in complete remission.

Raja Vijay Kumar Vundurthi (India missionary) reports that his father is improving from GB Syndrome. Keep praying for him.

Sunday Bible Study

Colossians

Rise & Shine: Sundays, 9:15

Ladies Bible Class

Has resumed meeting on Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall.

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 10/04/14 is **\$1,119,940.56**. 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.greatsmokymountainchurchofchrist.com.