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Do You Live For The Moment?

Many people never seem to think ahead. They only live for today with little thought of what lies ahead. That number appears to be growing as we have less and less confidence in the future. So, perhaps it makes sense to get all you can while you can and enjoy it as much as you can. Or, does it?

This challenge is not new. King Solomon decided that he should try everything he could to satisfy the desires of his heart. He tried pleasure, wealth, power, knowledge...which he summed up as "vanity and vexation of the spirit." He discovered that everything we take hold of seems to vanish like the wind.

A 43 year old Australian construction worker died just weeks before he was to inherit \$1.5 million as a wall collapsed on him. All hopes of spending that money vanished in a moment. Everything he had dreamed about doing disappeared before his eyes.

Well, Solomon did find a way to live in the moment which does make an eternal difference. After trying everything his heart desired and concluding that they were worthless pursuits of an empty soul, he concluded with these words:

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." (Eccl. 12:13, 14)

Solomon discovered that is the only way to live for the moment—knowing that God will give eternal value to all that we do—in the moment. Are you living your "moment" with an eye on eternity?

— Al Behel

Other News/Sick:

Sympathy To: Brenda Scott and her family in the death of her sister, Arania Blount, who passed away on Monday in Ohio. Memorial service will likely be next weekend.

Johnny Bryan has been brought home and is now on hospice. His lungs are failing. Johnny's wife, Debby, just passed away a few weeks ago. Keep this family in your prayers.

Linda Valentine is battling a difficult kidney infection. She is at home.

Lisa Fyffe has been very ill this week with a kidney infection.

Sara Teal had surgery last week to remove kidney stones.

Christian Yates, infant son of Cari and Kevin, diagnosed with laryngomalacia.

Shawn Molloy, frequent visitor and local optometrist, had hip surgery on Friday. He is facing other surgeries. Your prayers are requested.

Teachers Needed For Summer: We need teachers for the 3-4 year old class for Sunday morning and Wednesday night this summer. Please let Mark Haynes know of your availability.

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

Elder Contact for Month: Dan Elkins, Phone No. 865-548-9852

Sermon Topics: A.M.—"What Motivates The Church?"; P.M.—"Unto Thee, O Lord"- At Home In The Psalms

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

Our Known Sick

Dez Anderson—It was so good to see Dez back with us in worship. She continues to battle multiple health issues and her activity level is very limited. Keep praying...God is listening and answering.

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.

Larry Valentine—has received his last scheduled chemotherapy. Keep praying for his full recovery. He hopes to be back with us very soon. We have missed him greatly.

Wyatt Cox, infant son of Heather and Alan Cox, continues to do well recovering from heart surgery.

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

Friends and Family

Jim Smith, brother of Shirley Harmon, was critically injured in a fall from his attic onto concrete on Wednesday. He is in the trauma center in Memphis.

Christopher Howell (grandson of the Littletons-spinal cord injuries suffered in automobile accident).

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

Esther Stewart's sister is in need of our prayers.

Rick Cliett's brother, **Ken Cliett**, is battling Ascites and kidney failure. Leah's neighbor's (Miss Rose) son—in-law, Jimmy Lee, is being treated for brain cancer.

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

Al's brother, Tom Behel, is improving significantly. He is now able to eat, walk with minimal assistance, and has attended church six times.

Madison Stanley, seven year old granddaughter of friends of the Clietts -stage 4 cancer—undergoing aggressive chemo and radiation.

Gayle Raines, a frequent visitor and minister, is suffering from Stage 4 cancer of the jaw. Please keep him in prayer.

Carol Fromke, wife of Vince Fromke, M.D. (one of Al's associates), received good reports which show that one tumor has been destroyed completely and the other has shrunk and is disintegrating. She thanks you for your prayers. Cards may be sent to Carol at Livingston Clinic, 500 West Main Street, Livingston, TN 38570.

Sunday Adult Bible Study

Colossians

Rise & Shine: Sundays, 9:15

VBS Report

Wonderful VBS. 45 children, 15 teen helpers, numerous support staff. Total of 86.

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 06/02/14 is **\$1,140,411.50**. 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