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Going the Wrong Way

In 1938 Douglas Corrigan took off from Brooklyn, New York, supposedly on a flight to Long Beach, California. Twenty-three hours later Corrigan set down in Dublin, Ireland. When he landed he asked, "Is this Los Angeles?" People laughed at him for years for going the wrong way. For years, Mr. Corrigan was known as "Wrong-Way Corrigan".

In 1963 Corrigan admitted that his Trans-Atlantic trip was no accident, but was carefully planned. He had been denied permission to fly across the ocean. He had accomplished his dream by simply "going the wrong way" intentionally.

Why does God tell us that some things are wrong and that to select certain courses is going the *wrong way*? Is He merely limiting our happiness because He wants us to focus so much attention on Him? Is He trying to make life miserable for us?

No, God is not interested in making life hard for us. In His infinite wisdom and love, God tells us not to do certain things because He knows those choices have the power to destroy us. When God says, "Don't do it", He sees the final outcome, the bottom line. He sees the danger ahead, which we do not see.

What makes a way "the wrong way"? Perhaps the answer lies in our final destination. If we choose a path marked "the wrong way" we accept a wrong destination. Spiritually, the wrong way is man's way. The right way is God's way. Twice in the same book King Solomon declared, "There is a way which seems right to man but the end of it is the way of death" (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25).

Obviously, our limited knowledge and experience limits our vision. We cannot see over the hill. We need a road map. God has given us divine guidance because He alone sees the final destination. Let's trust Him when He tells us we are going the *wrong way*.

—Al Behel

Other News/Prayer Requests:

Larry Valentine is recovering from surgery to remove his left lung. He is now recovering at home and plans to receive chemotherapy in a few weeks as a preventive measure. His surgeon believes the cancer was contained to the one lung. **Linda** is scheduled for tests next Friday to determine the cause of some issues she is facing with her kidney. Keep them in prayer.

Al's brother, Tom, had hip surgery on three weeks ago and suffered an apparent stroke. He is currently in rehab and is using a feeding tube. Al's aunt, **Betty Howard**, passed away this week in Alabama.

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

Dan Elkin's sister, Lorna, producing too much blood.

Jimmy Vance, is recovering from knee surgery.

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

Andrea Weddington received good news this week that she is still cancer free. **Jan Messick** was also being checked but we have not heard the results.

Leah Turner's niece's (Molly) mother, Angie, is critically ill in the hospital at this time—prayers appreciated for Molly and all the family.

Elder Contact for Month: Marc Hayes. Phone No. 1-731-608-4148

Sermon Topics: A.M.—"Jesus Christ, No Ordinary Man, No. 6—He Taught In Parables—Restoring Compassion"; P.M.—"Knowing Our Past...Preserving Our Future" (Continued).

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

Our Known Sick

Dez Anderson—is in Tennova West (Turkey Creek) with a lot of pain in her leg and bleeding. The doctors believe the bleeding has either slowed or stopped at this time. Dez suffers from many health conditions. She was also battling a blood clot in her heart.

Ron Sommerville had back surgery at Park West on Friday. He is progressing in recovery. His surgeon removed a lot of scar tissue before doing the specific work he was doing on his back.

Bill England—his cancer markers are low. We rejoice with him.

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

Clara Mayberry—broken arm suffered in a recent fall.

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

Deb Elkins—underwent gallbladder surgery on Saturday at LeConte.

Joey Bailey is recuperating from two broken bones in his arm after falling in a recent snow.

Herman Byrne—good to see him back after salivary gland surgery.

Doug Hill is still recuperating from cellulitis.

Wyatt Cox, newborn infant of Heather and Alan Cox, is continuing to improve following heart surgery. Their home address is: 3334 Oma Lee Dr., Sevierville, TN 37876.

Friends and Family

Christopher Howell (grandson of the Littletons—spinal cord injuries suffered in automobile accident). Dwight Grizzell's friend, **Libby Gilley**, undergoing experimental treatment at Vanderbilt for metastasized breast cancer. Pray for her and husband Barry. **Arania Blount** (Brenda Scott's sister)—battling cancer. **Robin McCollum and Peggy McCollum** (Al's nieces—both battling cancer). Sue Mercer's sister, **Connie Browning**, is being treated for breast cancer; Beverly Finnell's grandson, **Liam Finnell**, is having health issues; Rick Cliett's 90 year old aunt **Doris Chambers** is recovering from multiple broken bones in her leg; Michael Cliett's fiancée's mother, **Paula Ramos**, report following cancer surgery is encouraging; Rick Cliett's brother, **Ken Cliett**, is battling Ascites and kidney failure; **Mark Baker**, brother-in-law of Coleen Thomason, dealing with complications from abnormal blood vessels in the brain; **Jimmy & Joan Lee**, daughter and son-in-law of Leah Turner's very special neighbor Miss Rose—Jimmy has a malignant brain tumor and is now undergoing treatment and is doing well thus far. Goal is to prevent tumor growth; **Paul Stream**, who works at Cracker Barrel in Pigeon Forge, fell and broke his neck.

Ladies Bible Class: A NEW Series—Begins Tuesday, February 18. Theme: "Apples of Gold". See Sue Hayes for materials.

Bottles of Love—pick up your bottle beginning February 16th. This year funds donated will cover the newborn babies in need at Le Conte (as usual) plus will contribute to the purchase of clothing for designated school children in need. Turn your bottles back in by March 16th.

Adult Bible Class

"Rejoicing In The Lord"

A Study in Philippians

"Great peace have those who love thy law; nothing can make them stumble" (Psa. 119:165)

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 02/03/14 is **\$1,159,597.63**. 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.