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I Know Him

"I know whom I have believed" (2 Tim. 1:12)

A young woman started reading a book which she quickly found to be dull and boring. She laid it aside for a long time. Then she met a man, fell in love, and became engaged to be married. One night she told her fiancé that she had once started reading a book by an author by the same name as his. She said, "Isn't that a coincidence?" He replied, "No, that's not a coincidence. I wrote that book."

That night the woman went home and stayed up most of the night reading the book she once found dull. It was now one of the most interesting books she had ever read. The difference? She had fallen in love with the author.

Paul did not say, "I know *what* I have believed." He said, "I know *whom* I have believed." When you know the author the book has far more meaning. Jesus is the one we believe. If the author is credible, his book is credible. If the author is false it's hard to trust what he says.

I know many writers whose works are credible and authentic. I know many whose writings are suspect and misleading. Just because a book is popular and the writer's name is well-known, that doesn't ensure that his words can be trusted. We must look beyond the written word to the one who wrote them.

The Bible is not a dull and boring book to those who know and love the author. His words reflect the authenticity of His person. Even his critics testified, "No one has ever spoken like this man. He speaks with authority." He speaks words of life. He never said anything that was not relevant. His words are life!
—Al Behel

Other News/Prayer Requests:

Larry Valentine is recovering from surgery to remove his left lung. He will meet with his oncologist to determine preventative chemotherapy treatment.

Linda Valentine is awaiting tests results for a cystic mass on her kidney.

Al's brother, Tom, is receiving rehab at home in Alabama following hip surgery and a possible stroke which left him paralyzed in his throat.

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.

Conner Goldhammer, 3 year old grandson of some friends of the Cliett's, suffers from Brittle Bone Disease. He has already had 85 broken bones and is now hospitalized after falling and shattering his skull. He is improving after surgery. **Madison**, a 7 year old granddaughter of some other friends of the Cliett's (the Brewer family), was diagnosed with cancer in her abdomen and just underwent surgery. Please keep these children in your prayers.

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.

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

Sermon Topics: A.M.—"Jesus Christ, No Ordinary Man, No. 8— He Taught In Parables: Getting Our Attitudes Right"; P.M.— "Where Do We Go From Here?"(Continued)

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

Our Known Sick

Dez Anderson—is home but is having a lot of pain. Dez suffers from many health conditions. She has also been battling blood clots and internal bleeding and has required several units of blood.

Ron Sommerville is recuperating at home following back surgery. He is hopeful that the surgery will greatly improve his pain level and mobility.

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—recovering from some post-surgical complications.

Wyatt Cox, infant son of Heather and Alan Cox, will soon be scheduled for his second 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: First and third Tuesday mornings. Theme: "Apples of Gold". See Sue Hayes for materials.

Potluck Dinner: Sunday night, March 9. No sign-up. Just come and bring lots of good food!

Meetings Today: Men and Ladies will meet today at 4 p.m.

Baptism: Abigail Lee was baptized by Hunter Haynes on youth retreat February 16. We welcome our new sister into the family of God.

Sunday Adult Bible Study

"Rejoicing In the Lord"

A Study in Philippians

Rise & Shine: Resumes on March 9 at 9:15 a.m.

"Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain awake in vain." (Psalm 127:1)

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