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Mama's Home Remedies

Growing up on a farm was tough business. The winters were especially cold in the old farmhouse with no underpinning, insulation, or central heat. The fireplace and kitchen stove were the only sources of heat, and the water would freeze in the pans overnight. There was no running water, and no remote control *anything*.

The summers were equally difficult in the tin-roof house with no insulation to buffer the oven-like temperature coming through the attic. Air-conditioning was from open windows and, if lucky enough to have one, a single window fan. The fields had to be worked, hay had to be hauled to the barn, and all the crops had to be harvested.

As difficult as it may have seemed, there was a sense of purpose and joy. There was a feeling of togetherness as all the kids and parents worked side-by-side to make the family living. There was unlimited on-the-job training...from milking cows, planting crops, cultivating, and harvesting cotton, corn, and vegetables. Hard work was the order of the day and evenings were spent on the front porch fighting gnats and mosquitoes.

Dad was the ship and mom was the anchor for our family. Mama knew how to heal broken hearts, nurse skinned knees, and apply psychology wherever it was needed. There was no thought of defying instruction in our house because the peach tree was just a few feet from the back door and its limbs made time-out unnecessary. I often wondered how mama knew so much when she never owned a book on parenting.

Well, the answer is simple...mama used "home-remedies." She never expected anyone to be responsible for her children but herself and dad. She always seemed to know what she wanted done and made sure that the task was completed when she said and in the way she said it should be done. She believed in individual differences, personal interests, and age-appropriate assignments, and there was never a doubt that she knew how to parent us. Attention deficit disorders and hyperactivity were treated with multiple assignments and additional jobs to run off "some of that energy." Arguments and fights were not tolerated and were settled quickly by giving each of us something else to do until we cooled off.

Bedtime never required a sedative or psycho-stimulant because everyone was ready to "hit the hay", knowing that the next day would begin about 5 a.m. *Goodnight, Mama.*

Al Behel

Other News:

Sympathy to Jean Compton on the death of her brother, March 22.

Bob Klingerman, Al and Linda's daughter's father-in-law is in NHC-Fort Sanders, suffering from advanced Parkinson's. Please keep him in prayer.

Baby Shower for Cari Yates, Sunday, April 6, 1-3 pm.

Special Mission Emphasis Sunday: April 13. We will have special presentations about our various mission efforts on that day. We currently support missionary efforts in Cape Town, South Africa, LaEsperanza, Honduras, the Philippines, and India. In addition to these works we help raise funds each year to place Bibles in Ukraine and Russia through Eastern European Mission.

Note To Our Visitors: We are happy you have joined us for worship today. We pray that our worship will be uplifting to all of us and glorifying to our Father. Please complete a visitor card and drop it in the collection plate. We hope you will visit with us again soon. If you are a local visitor we invite you to make the Great Smoky Mountains congregation your church home.

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

Sermon Topics: A.M.—"Jesus Christ, No Ordinary Man, No. 12—Lamps Without Oil"; P.M.—Worship in Song (Congregational Singing)

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 slowly progressing.

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

Debby Bryan—battling cancer at home.

Johnny Bryan—was released from the hospital on Friday.

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—began chemo on March 24

Wyatt Cox, infant son of Heather and Alan Cox—second heart surgery has been rescheduled for this week (probably Tuesday) at Vanderbilt. 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**, passed away last Tuesday. Keep her husband, Barry, in your prayers. **Arania Blount** (Brenda Scott's sister)-battling cancer; also had a rod installed in her leg Mar. 24. **Robin McCollum and Peggy McCollum** (Al's nieces—both battling cancer). Sue Mercer's sister, **Connie Browning**, is being treated for breast cancer; 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; 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; **Paul Stream**, Cracker Barrel employee, broke his neck in a fall—recovering well and will have halo exchanged for soft collar soon; **Al's brother, Tom Behel**, at home in Alabama following hip surgery and a possible stroke which left him paralyzed in his throat; **Sue Hayes' sister, Joyce** - recovering from a broken hip; **Angie Daimwood**, who resides in memory section of Wellington Place, is currently in the psych ward at St. Mary's as her dementia has rendered her unable to speak and she is combative and refuses medication. Her daughter Lynne has asked us to continue prayers for her; **Carol Fromke**, doctor's wife who works with Al, suffering from aggressive lung cancer.

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

Sunday Adult Bible Study

"Rejoicing In the Lord"

A Study in Philippians

Rise & Shine: Sundays, 9:15

LADIES CLASS

1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Theme:

"Apples of Gold"

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 03/01/14 is **\$1,154,725.22**. 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.