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Humpty Dumpty

Do you remember Humpty Dumpty? When he fell from his wall he was broken into so many pieces that he couldn't be put together again. Why was Humpty Dumpty sitting on that wall in the first place? Did he need to be sitting there, or was he trying to find some kind of excitement, or just disobeying his mother?

A lot of Christians find themselves sitting on walls they should not have climbed... walls of prejudice, arrogance, and greed. Walls which elevate themselves over others and separate them from others. Walls which are created through anger or self-will. These walls bring us down, they shatter us when we fall. And we are powerless to put the pieces together again.

The good news is that nothing needs to stay broken. God is in the business of putting things together. He brought order out of chaos in the beginning and He can do it again. The One who calmed the storms of Galilee can bring peace in troubled hearts. He offers healing and cleansing to us when we are broken and damaged beyond our ability to repair ourselves.

Sometimes we have to be broken before God can use us. We have to fall from our elevated positions of self-importance and conceit. We have to come face to face with our sinful, polluted inner nature. We have to admit that we are broken and powerless to fix the broken pieces.

After looking at his failures to live up to God's standard of holiness, Paul exclaimed, "*Wretched man that I am! Who can deliver me from this body of death?*" (Romans 7:24). He answers his own question: "*Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!*"

God also breaks down walls. "*For He is our peace...and He has broken down the dividing wall of hostility*" (Ephesians 2:14). Jesus said that the peace He gives is unlike any peace we find in the world. He doesn't simply clean us up, He makes us completely new! And we can start over again.

___Al Behel

Other News:

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, today, 1-3 pm.

Sympathy: To Joey Bailey in the death of his mother, Linda Garrett, who passed away on Friday. There will be a graveside service Sunday, at 10 a.m., in Livingston. Keep Joey, Chanda, Rachel, and the family in prayer.

Contribution for Mission Trips for Julie and Jena McCaslin and for Savanna Smallwood total was \$825. Our thanks to those who contributed.

Bottles of Love Contribution Total: \$1163. Our thanks to all.

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

Sermon Topics: A.M.—"Jesus Christ, No Ordinary Man, No. 13— Look at What He Did"; P.M.— "At Home In The Psalms"

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.

Debbly Bryan—battling cancer at home. She is not doing well at this time. Keep praying.

Johnny Bryan—was released from the hospital and is now at home.

Clara Mayberry—still confined to home.

DeEtte Alexander—battling an infection.

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 this week at Vanderbilt. He has been moved from ICU to a room. He may be released early this week. 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). **Arania Blount** (Brenda Scott's sister)—battling cancer; also had a rod installed in her leg recently. **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.

Angie Daimwood suffering from agitation due to advancing dementia. She was hospitalized but is back at Wellington Place.

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

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 broken hip.

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 **\$1,150,519.86**. 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.