

NEWSLINE

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"Like Molasses Down A Potato Row"

An elderly couple attended each session of a Marriage Enrichment Seminar I was conducting. They had been married 55 years. I noticed that the husband opened every door for his wife, held her hand, and showed unabashed attention to her. Finally, I had to ask them, "What's the secret of your good marriage?" His wife quickly replied, "Oh, it's simple. When we dated he always signed his letters with the words, 'My love for you shall ever flow like molasses down a potato row.'" I don't understand what it meant, but apparently it worked for them.

A young man was about to be married. The father of the bride, intent on making sure that his daughter was properly treated throughout her marriage to this young man, called him aside and handed him a small gift. He said, "Within this gift you will find everything you will ever need to have a happy marriage." Nervously, the young man opened the gift and lifted a beautiful gold watch out of the small box. He wondered how a watch would help him have a happy marriage. Upon closer examination he noticed these words engraved across the face of the watch: "Say something nice to Sarah." Throughout the day as he would check the time he would see this constant reminder of a simple action which, if practiced, would ensure a happy marriage.

Happy marriages and lasting relationships are built on words of affirmation and acts of self-less love. Daily expressions of loving kindness reflects the heart of God in us.

—Al Behel

Other News/Sick:

Carol Fromke, wife of Vince Fromke, M.D. (one of Al's associates), has been diagnosed with advanced lung cancer. Your prayers for Carol will be appreciated. Cards may be sent to Carol at Livingston Clinic, 500 West Main Street, Livingston, TN 38570.

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

Kenneth Williams, brother of Priscilla Dick, is very ill in Abilene, TX. Pris plans to go there in a few days.

Mission Emphasis: We believe the mission of the church is to share the good news of the gospel with the world. Last Sunday Michael Jacobs from Cape Town, SA, was with us. Today, Jim Anderson will update us on the work in Honduras and Steve Dick will give a report on the work in India. Mark Haynes will speak in Al's absence.

Al and Linda are on vacation and will return on Tuesday.

Baby Shower—for Sara Teal (baby boy) is scheduled for Sunday, May 4 in the fellowship hall 2—3:30. See foyer bulletin boards for items needed. Hosted by Priscilla Dick and Donna Walker.

Graduation Celebration and Pot Luck—May 18 after evening services in fellowship hall. Graduates are Hunter Haynes, Hunter Callon, Abby Lee, Caleb Bremer, and Scott LaFollette.

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

We Welcome Our Visitors: We are very happy you have chosen to worship with us today. We hope your experience is spiritually uplifting and that you will be as blessed by being with us as we are by you.

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

Sermon Topics: A.M.—"Mission Emphasis"; P.M.—Lesson by Mark Haynes

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

Our Known Sick

Dez Anderson—suffers from many health conditions. She has recently battled blood clots and internal bleeding but is at home slowly improving.

Deb Elkins suffering mental issues as doctors struggle to adjust medications—pray for success soon.

Ron Sommerville is experiencing significant pain as he recovers from back surgery.

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

Debby 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— is now at home recovering from his second heart surgery. Their home address is: 3334 Oma Lee Dr., Sevierville, TN 37876.

Angie Daimwood—suffering agitation due to advancing dementia. She is back in Wellington Place.

Friends and Family

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

Charlotte Powers, visitor from Virginia, prayers for upcoming shoulder surgery.

Arania Blount (Brenda Scott's sister)—battling cancer and is now receiving hospice.

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

Rick Cliett's brother, **Ken Cliett**, 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, **Jimmy Lee**, treatment for brain cancer.

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's sister, Joyce - she fell and broke her hip

Madison Stanley, granddaughter (age 7) Cliett's friends—stage 3 cancer—undergoing aggressive chemo and radiation.

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.