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"I Know You By Name"

We all feel good when others remember our names. Mass media and music give us a false sense of identification with celebrities. We have distorted views of them, often believing that we know them even if we have never met them. Informationally, our world is small, but real intimacy isn't created through television or facebook.

To really know another and to be known by them is a unique experience. Many people know who we are, but do they really know us? Do they know our inner thoughts and feelings, our hopes and dreams, our successes and failures? Do they know the struggles that occur deep inside us?

Moses must have stopped in his tracks when God told him, "I know you by name" (Exodus 33:17). The fact that the God of all creation would pay attention to one man in a tiny part of the world was an awesome thought. God knew him individually, personally, and completely.

God knows you and me by name. He knows the intentions of our hearts and the desires that are deep in our souls. He knows our biggest weaknesses and how to buffer us for success. He knows how to lift us up when we fall.

God is a God you can count on for the long haul...He lets you sit quietly with Him and share your most intimate and revealing thoughts. He stays when others have left you alone. He knows your hurts and fears...and He knows when you try to love but can't seem to make it last. He knows when you want to give up.

God knows us because He is our Father. Jesus, His Son, came down to us and became our Friend who discloses to us the nature of God's heart. His love for us is balanced with His hatred of sin and His determination to give us a way to defeat its effects in our lives. He really knows us and He is always there for us.

At the final Judgment many who claim friendship with Jesus will hear Him say, "I never knew you." (Matt. 7:23). Does He know you? He said, "I am the good Shepherd; I know my own and my own know me" (John 10:14). If He is your Shepherd you hear His voice and follow Him.

___ Al Behel

Other News/Sick:

Sheryle Elkins had an PET Scan on Wednesday which confirmed a 2 inch diameter mass in her left lung and enlarged right and left lymph nodes. She is scheduled to have a bronchial biopsy on Thursday to determine the type of cancer and treatment options. Please keep lifting up prayers for Sheryle and Dan. Our God listens to our prayers.

Carolyn Yates had a defibrillator removed from her leg this week. Keep her in prayer.

Landon Teal, Sara's baby, has been diagnosed with a heart murmur but doctors do not believe he needs additional treatment. Please pray for little Landon.

Shawn Molloy, frequent visitor and local optometrist, had hip surgery and is facing other surgeries. His wife's name is Darlene. His home address which is 339 Happy Trails Way, Sevierville, TN 37862. Your prayers are requested.

Polishing The Pulpit: August 22-28, Sevierville Events Center. See details in foyer. This is a great opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal. You can register at the site or by going to www.polishingthepulpit.com.

Elder Contact for Month: Jim Anderson, Phone No. 924-1067

Sermon Topics: A.M.—"Giving God Our Best, No. 4-Preparing for That Day"; P.M.—"At Home In The Psalms—We'd Better Listen To God, Psalm 78"

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

Our Known Sick

Dez Anderson—It was so good to see Dez back with us in worship. She continues to battle multiple health issues and her activity level is very limited. Keep praying...God is listening and answering.

Ron Sommerville is still struggling with pain issues.

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—is continuing to improve following removal of a cancerous lung. Keep praying for his full recovery.

Jerry Dyer is in Ft. Sanders, Rm 733 with an infection which doctors now believe is intestinally based. His fever is down and his white count is down from 33,000 to 12,000. He may be released Sunday.

Wyatt Cox, will have corrective surgery on August 25.

Angie Daimwood—Room 136 at Wellspring, the new assisted living facility near Wellington Place and LeConte Medical Center.

Friends and Family

Jim Smith, brother of Shirley Harmon, continues to improve after being critically injured in a fall from his attic onto concrete.

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

Robin McCollum and Peggy McCollum (Al's nieces-battling cancer). Robin's mother is also very ill and is requiring hospice.

Sue Mercer's sister, **Connie Browning**, breast cancer.

Rick Cliett's brother, **Ken Cliett**, is battling Ascites and kidney failure. He has been moved to a nursing facility close to his children.

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.

Al's brother, Tom Behel, is improving significantly. He is now able to eat, walk with minimal assistance, and has attended church six times.

Madison Stanley, seven year old granddaughter of friends of the Clietts -stage 4 cancer—undergoing aggressive chemo and radiation.

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

Raja Vijay Kumar Vundurthi (India missionary) reports that his father is improving from GB Syndrome. Keep praying for him.

Dr. Kent Brantley, the doctor who is infected with Ebola, appreciates your prayers. Some of our members have close ties with his family.

Sunday Bible Study

Colossians

Rise & Shine: Sundays, 9:15

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

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 08/05/14 is **\$1,131,329.64**. 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.