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At The Crossroads

I read of a man who was addicted to pornography. To help him break his compulsion he taped a picture of Jesus in the corner of his computer screen. Each time he was tempted to surf the porn sites he found that he just couldn't do it with that picture staring him in the eyes.

Every temptation presents us with a crossroads moment. There are always two choices. To choose sin is to fly in the face of Jesus who died for us. It is a decision to love self more than him. It means that I am telling Jesus that I would rather sin than to hold him in my heart. Sin is a choice to crucify him again...to re-drive those nails in his hands and feet.

Temptation comes to all of us and must be resisted. Sin is destructive. Samson discovered that compromising one's position leads to death. "Then the Philistines took Samson and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza. They bound him with bronze fetters, and he became a grinder in the prison." Sin blinds, binds, and ultimately grinds us.

The moment of decision must not center on the moment of temptation. Decisions should be made long in advance of the enticing crossroad. While we don't have a real picture of Jesus to hold in our hands or place in front of our eyes, we do have the crucified Savior living in our hearts.

___ Al Behel

Other News/Sick:

Shawn Molloy, frequent visitor and local optometrist, is now at home following hip surgery and 4 weeks of hospitalization. His wife's name is Darlene. Their home address which is 339 Happy Trails Way, Sevierville, TN 37862.

Ladies Bible Class—resumes Tuesday, Sept. 16 with a brand new set of lessons—"Like Mother, Like Daughter". Plan to join us at 10 a.m. that day for a good study and fellowship. See Sue Hayes for a copy of the lessons.

Meetings Today: The men and ladies will have their meetings at 4 pm.

Tara Stewart (granddaughter of Skip and Esther) was baptized in Ohio last Sunday. Skip and Esther were there to celebrate with her as she begins a new walk. Tara is special to us as she has been with us many times.

Honduras Report: Steve Dick will be giving a report on Sept. 28, on his and Donna's trip to visit La Esperanza, Honduras. This is one of our mission works.

Special Sunday Seminars: Brad Harrub, Ph. D. will be with us for a special Sunday series on October 19, 2014. Brad is a scientist who specializes in Christian apologetics. He holds a Ph. D. in Anatomy and Neurobiology from the University of Tennessee Medical School. He is also the Executive Director of Focus Press and Co-Editor of *Think Magazine*. He will be speaking 4 times:



- 9:30 — "The Scientific Accuracy of the Bible"
- 10:30 — "Have We Missed The First Step—The Fear of the Lord"
- 2:30 — "Help For Hurting Families"
- 6:00 — "Evil, Pain, and Suffering"

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

Sermon Topics: A.M.—"What Would You Give For Your Soul?"; P.M.—"At Home In The Psalms—Hear My Prayer, O Lord" - Psalm 102

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

Our Known Sick

Dez Anderson— continues to battle multiple health issues and her activity level is very limited. She had some problems that had to be checked at ER on Friday night and is being treated and monitored at home. Keep praying...God is listening and answering.

Ron Sommerville is still struggling with pain issues.

Sheryle Elkins has been diagnosed with Adenocarcinoma (lung cancer). She is receiving chemotherapy and radiation. Please pray that God will shower His grace on Dan and Sheryle and grant healing to her.

Kenny Jones is in PF Rehab Center. Expects to be released next Saturday.

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—continuing to improve following removal of a cancerous lung. Good to see that Linda is also feeling better.

Howard and Tina Yates are back from the AT. Howard had an injured elbow and torn tendon (from a local hike in July). He had surgery on Tuesday. Tina injured her knee which needs rest.

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.

Robin McCollum and Peggy McCollum (Al's nieces-battling cancer).

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. His speech is still limited.

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

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

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.

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.

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

CDs and DVDs of Sermons are available free at sound booth. Also available on the website at: www.greatsmokymountainschurchofchrist.com.