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The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is a focal point of Christian worship. It forms the centerpiece of our collective experience of communion with God. The early Christians observed this memorial feast each week. We follow their example and the basic teaching of Scripture as we, too, remember our Savior's sacrifice every week.

I have heard religious neighbors who choose a less frequent observance of that Supper say that a weekly observance would weaken its meaning. Does a daily kiss of our child or spouse weaken our love? Quite the contrary; love grows with each expression. A failure to observe that feast may weaken our appreciation of God's gracious gift.

First century Christians risked their lives to assemble to share this communion experience. Their hearts overflowed with gratitude for the Savior's death. A casual observance pollutes the sacredness of that moment. Like them, let us look forward to meeting with Jesus at the table.

— Al Behel

Our Known Sick

-Dez Anderson— continues to battle multiple health issues and her activity level is very limited. Keep praying...God is listening and answering.

-Ron Sommerville received an injection in his spine for pain and is doing great! We are thankful and rejoice with Ron and Carolyn.

-Sheryle Elkins is receiving chemotherapy and radiation for Adenocarcinoma (lung cancer). Please pray that God will shower His healing grace on Dan and Sheryle and grant full remission to her.

-Kenny Jones—back with us after rehab.

-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— We give God glory! Tests show he is cancer free.

-Tanya Smith—fell and broke her wrist at Dollywood.

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

Friends and Family

-Laura (Cliett) Darilek, Rick and Ginny's daughter, is on bed-rest and receiving meds to control her contractions and slow delivery of her baby. Pray for success.

-Scottie Elkins, Tom and Deb's grandson, is awaiting tests to determine if he has MS. Prayers are requested for him.

-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—completed chemo and radiation. Awaiting tests and results at this time.

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

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—resumed with a brand new set of lessons—"Like Mother, Like Daughter". Plan to join the ladies' study on Tuesday, October 7.

Bible for Ukraine and Russia: Each year we participate in a \$1 Million fund drive to raise money to place Bibles in schools in Ukraine and Russia. This year we have an opportunity to reach over 340,000 students from grade schools through college. More than 40 universities have requested Bibles. This is a tremendous opportunity at a very turbulent time. We will take a special collection on September 28 to assist in this effort through Eastern European Mission.

Honduras Report: **Steve Dick** will be giving a report on Sunday morning, Sept. 28, on his and Donna's trip to visit La Esperanza, Honduras. This is one of our mission works. A potluck dinner and discussion opportunity will follow worship in the fellowship hall. Please see bulletin board to sign up for dishes to bring.

Al will be speaking at the Austinville congregation in Decatur, AL today through Wednesday (Sept. 21-24). Mark Haynes will be our speaker here.

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"

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 09/02/14 is **\$1,125,557.12**. 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.

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

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

Sermon Topics: Mark Haynes, our youth minister, will be our speaker for both services. Al will be in a meeting in Alabama.

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