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Who Needs Grace?

Several years ago I was driving a newly purchased automobile and was stopped by an officer. Little did I know that my speedometer was incorrect and I was traveling 15 miles per hour over the posted limit. Reluctantly, the officer gave me a ticket and urged me to speak with the judge. When I went in to see the "old" judge, he asked a clerk to bring him my ticket so he could "fix it." When she presented him with the ticket he asked her for a kiss. She said, "It's not my ticket." He looked at me. I quickly responded, "I'm not kissing you!" Well, the old judge "fixed" my ticket anyway.

I have often thought about how much we need grace regardless of whether we are guilty, or don't think we are guilty because of incorrect information. Most of us know if we are breaking God's law unless we have been basing our beliefs on fallacious ideas. God's grace is not earned by our good deeds. It is a gift. We are all guilty of violating his law. We need grace. Fortunately, we have a compassionate Judge who doesn't "fix" our tickets, but marks them "Paid", because of the blood of his own Son. This grace, however, is not without conditions. It is "freely bestowed on us in the Beloved" (Ephesians 1:6). Note "in" the Beloved. One must be in Christ to receive saving grace. It is so "glorious" that he "lavished it upon us" (ver. 8). We are not placed on probation. We are forgiven!

— Al

Other News/Sick:

Patty Adair has asked for prayers for **Griffin**, newborn grandson of their best friends. He was born 2 months premature and is not expected to survive. If he does he is likely to have neurological damage.

Jerry and Jeanette Dyer—keep in prayer as they travel to Australia where they will be encouraging the church.

Bible for Ukraine and Russia: \$4819 contributed.

Honduras Project: The elders and men of the congregation decided that we would raise funds to build a second restroom in the La Esperanza church building. Currently, everyone has to use a single restroom. Cost is estimated at \$2500. If you would like to contribute, please earmark your check to Honduras restroom fund, or give your contribution to one of the elders.

Tyler Behel, Al's nephew, has been re-deployed to Afghanistan. Prayers are requested for him and his wife and child as he is away.

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

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 four 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: AM—"Who Is A Real Christ-Follower?"; PM—"At Home In the Psalms—Where Is Your God?" - Psalm 115

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. Keep praying...God is listening and answering.

-Sheryle Elkins has completed chemotherapy and radiation for Adenocarcinoma (lung cancer). A CT scan will be done in the next few weeks to determine if the treatment was successful in destroying the cancer. Please keep praying for our sister. Her address is: 1383 Lake Front Drive, Dandridge, TN 37725.

-Andrea Weddington is home with Lymphedema and blood clots in her leg. Her address is: 201 Clear Point Lane, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863.

-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.

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

Friends and Family

-Congratulations! To Rick and Ginny on the birth of their first grandchild, Eloise Morgan Darilek, born Thursday morning in El Paso, TX, weighing 7lb., 7oz. Mother, Laura, and daddy, Bryan are doing great!

-Shawn Molloy and wife Barbara—back with us after Shawn's extensive recovery from surgery.

-Judy Lassetter's sister, Linda, diagnosed with colon cancer.

-Jim Dixon (he and Barbara have worked at Dollywood and worshipped with us several years) has a recurrence of cancer. Keep them in prayer.

-Scottie Elkins, Tom and Deb's grandson, is still 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.

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

-Al's brother, Tom Behel, - improving; his speech is still limited.

-Madison Stanley, seven year old granddaughter of friends of the Clietts—has completed chemotherapy and is in complete remission.

-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

Ladies Bible Class

Has resumed meeting on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m.

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 09/02/14 is **\$1,119,940.56**. 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