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“Working Together With God”

*“Working together with God we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain”
(II Corinthians 6:1)*

Reflect for a moment on your past week. Did anything happen which you would have to conclude was God’s doing? Has there been any evidence that He used you to accomplish something He wanted done? Did you let Him work in your life? Or, was your week just another ho-hum week in which nothing unusual occurred?

The apostle Paul is telling us that we are God’s “fellow workers”. He is working in us to complete His mission on earth. Each day brings new people into our lives, new opportunities to serve, and new possibilities to tell others about His redeeming grace. To ignore those moments and let them pass is equal to receiving God’s grace “in vain.”

Our purpose in life is to become partners with God in a ministry of reconciliation. We are to “declare the wonderful deeds of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (I Peter 2:9). He is counting on us to get the job done.

God’s work is sometimes silent, but it is never powerless. It may be demonstrated through weakness, or through apparent defeat. Further in this passage the apostle shows how God uses painful moments to show His strength. In times of distress or discouragement God steps up beside us and brings us home with the victory. He never lets us fail when we hold “weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left” (II Corinthians 6:7).

The work we do is not our own. It is “Kingdom” work. It is God’s work. We cannot do it alone. The enemy we battle is enormously strong and deceptive. At times he seems to be winning. But, we are reminded that even when we are down, we are not out...and even when it seems we have nothing, we have everything (II Corinthians 6:9-10). Together with God, we always win.

__ Al Behel

Other News & Sick:

-**Daniel Norris**—nephew of Elaine and Marti-(and pitcher for Detroit Tigers) - had successful surgery last Wednesday for thyroid cancer.

-**FYI**- Pricilla Dick has set up an Emergency Drawer with Diabetic Supplies in the kitchen. Thanks, Priscilla!

-**Ladies Bible Class**: Every 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Polly Cline is leading a study entitled, “Hunger In My Soul”.

-**Fall Festival and Chili Supper**—October 31. Sign up in foyer for food items. Games will begin at 4 p.m. and the chili supper will begin at 6 p.m. Please come for a night of fun, fellowship, and good food!

-**Donna Walker** has requested we list her home phone number: 865-429-0074. This is the best number to use when calling her.

-**Daylight Savings Time Ends**: Don’t forget to set your clocks back 1 hour next weekend.

-**Meetings**: Men and Ladies, next Sunday at 4 p.m.

Food Contact For Month: Beverly Finnell and Linda Goodnight.

Elder Contact for Month: Marc Hayes. Phone: 731-608-4148

Sermon Topics: A.M. – “What Makes the Church Indestructible?”

P.M.— “Angels Unaware”

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

Our Known Sick

-**Dez Anderson**— still suffering with multiple health issues. Keep praying. God is listening and answering. It was good to see Dez at services recently.

-**Sheryle Elkins**— is continuing chemotherapy on a periodic basis. Her last lung scan was encouraging. Keep her in your prayers.

-**Bill Valentine** is battling esophageal cancer. He underwent surgery this week and his surgeon said the markers were clear. We rejoice at the good news. He will remain in the hospital a few days. Please keep Bill and Gail in prayer.

-**Bill Green**—still struggling with health issues

-**Jean Compton**—is recovering at home.

-**Kathy May** battling ongoing health issues. She is still in Baxter.

-**Keely Chambers** is recovering at home with her grandmother.

-**Pauline Swallow** is dealing with cancer. Keep praying for her.

-**Bill England**— is now home after being hospitalized again last week with dehydration and required 3 bags of fluids. He recently had lung surgery for lung cancer. Keep praying.

-**Wyatt Cox’s** audiology and cardiology appointments went well.

-**Skip Stewart**- arteriogram last Wednesday. Could not do stent in his leg this time but hope to do bypass soon.

-**Otis Hawkes** has been battling pneumonia. Home from hospital.

Friends and Family News

-**Sue Hayes sister, Joyce**, had a fall resulting in a small fracture to her leg and a serious foot drop issue. Home care and rehab planned to assist in healing.

-Brenda Scott’s niece, **Nita Watern**, has liver cancer and will start chemotherapy on Monday. Her liver is almost completely consumed. She lives in New Madison, Ohio.

-**Judy Watkins**, Rick’s sister in Texas, is slightly improving.

-**Richard Nichols**, Nick Nichol’s brother—cancer surgery in Illinois.

-**Barbara Copley**, friend of Bill England and Sheryle Elkins—cancer.

-**Ginny and Rick**—prayers for their daughter-in-law’s grandmother, **Anna**, in Argentina. She is very ill from a persistent infection.

-**Dee Lewis**, friend of the Clietts, stage four cancer (6th occurrence)

-**Deployed to Stuttgart, Germany**: Lt. Col. Jim Vance, Jr. (USAF), son of May and Jimmy Vance.

NOTE: If any changes/deletions/additions to the sick list need to be made please tell Al or Ginny.

Special Events

Men’s Prayer Session
Monday mornings at 8:30

Wednesday Night

Rick Cliett is leading a study on the Book of Hebrews

Sunday Adult Class

I Thessalonians—Al Behel

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 10/01/15 is **\$1,058,800.25**. Extra contributions to reduce the loan debt are needed and appreciated. Envelopes are available in the pews.

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