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"Where Have All The Heroes Gone?"

They stood in long lines. Thousands of them. Young and old. From all over this country and many other countries. Regardless of one's political views all America and the world acknowledged that this man was worthy of honor and respect. His desire for peace and his leadership in the world community would mark him as a hero in his time.

Although President Reagan was ulogized by leaders from around the world, perhaps the most powerful testimony to his influence was the number of young people who stood for hours in long lines to pay respects to this great man for whom they had no personal memory. He was a hero to people of all ages.

The real heroes of the world are not marked by their ability to stir an audience through profane music or sordid values. They are the people who stand tall with values and life purposes worth emulating. They are the people who touch lives and make them better. Their names may not appear on the headlines of our newspapers. They may not draw big crowds at their funerals.

The real heroes of our day may be mothers who know how to soothe broken hearts and give unselfishly of themselves. They may be Bible class teachers or church leaders, or they may be shut-ins who pray every day for others. Heros may include young people who have put God first in their lives, or elderly people whose eyes are weary and whose bodies move slowly but whose faith remains strong.

The Bible is filled with heroes of faith. Read Hebrews 11 and find men and women whose lives made a difference...men like Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David. And women like Rahab who risked her own life to assist God's servants.

The real heros are the quiet servants who make a difference. Often unseen. Usually, unknown. They are the shapers of lives for good, the rock that never moves, and the voice that whispers softly words of encouragement to keep on going. Listen closely and you will hear them too.

We need modern heroes for our youth to look up to as examples of faith and devotion. They need to see in us a clear sense of purpose and destiny. They need to see men and women who stand up with courage. And when they look closely they need to see, not us, but Jesus.

— Al Behel

Other News and Sick:

Estlina Wilson is battling blood clots in her leg.

Polly Cline has macular degeneration in both eyes and is requiring shots in her right eye. Let's keep her in prayer that her left eye will stabilize and not become worse.

Please keep in prayer: The families of the three teenagers killed in the auto accident this past week in Kodak. One of the teens was a friend and co-worker of Rachel Bailey.

Ladies Bible Class: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall. Next study on February 17—see Sue Hayes for copies of the lessons.

Deployed: **Tyler Behel**, Al's nephew, is in Afghanistan. Prayers appreciated.

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

Sermon Topics: A.M. - "Give Us A King!!"; P.M. - "Lessons From Revelation: Patmos and Beyond"

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—battling lung cancer. Will have PET scan Monday at 9 a.m. and get results at 1 pm Tuesday. Keep praying. Her address is: 1383 Lake Front Drive, Dandridge, TN 37725.

-Bill Green is now suffering from a sore on his heel and is confined to home.

-Hubert and Jean Compton—Hubert recovering from a fall and Jean battling heart issues.

-Cody Kihlberg—has been battling strep since before Thanksgiving. He is now dealing with immunodeficiency and a bacterial infection and had to go to Children's Hospital Friday evening. He is home and resting better.

-Raelynn Bryant, newborn baby daughter of Steven and Taylor Bryant, is home from the hospital and is improving significantly.

-Kathy May—ill in Baxter. You can send her a card at P.O. Box 465, Baxter, TN 38544-0463.

Friends and Family

-Mary Wagner, sister of Tina Yates, is facing radiation treatment for cancer. She lives in Arlington, TX.

-Mrs. Florence Tolliver is in Ft. Sanders Nursing Home, Rm 172. Her daughter, Rita Taylor from Kodak, has been visiting with us.

-Tom Elkin's brother in rehab following a four-wheeler accident.

-Christopher Howell-grandson of the Littletons-spinal cord injuries.

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

-Tom Behel, Al's brother - slowly improving from post-operative stroke and broken femur. Still having minimal speech.

-Debbie Little, mother of one of Marti's students, is recovering from a brain aneurysm rupture. The family appreciates your prayers and cards. Their address is: Debbie, Randy, Michael, & Katie Little, 4152 Briggs Loop, Kodak, TN 37764. Please drop a note.

-Morris Fields, Leah Turner's uncle, is hospitalized. He has been battling an undetermined illness.

-Allen McCord—acute Leukemia, is doing better and **Peggy Neff**, metastasized cancer, still struggling. Both friends of the Cliets.

Meetings: Men & Ladies meetings today at 4 pm.

Exploring The Life of Joseph

*K-Teen, Winter Sunday School
Fellowship Hall—9:30 a.m.
Teens as Teachers' Aides
Mark Haynes, Director*

Adult Class

Colossians—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 01/06/15 is **\$1,102,466.00**. 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.