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"God Ain't Done With Me Yet"

A little boy was being criticized for his belief and trust in God. The critic said to him, "Why would a good God make an ugly boy like you?" The boy thought for a moment and said, "Well, to tell you the truth Mister, God ain't done with me yet."

Do you ever feel like there's something missing? That you haven't fully arrived? Maybe that's true. Maybe God is still working on you. Maybe He has better things in store for you. New heights you have never reached. New challenges you have never conquered. God "ain't done" with you yet.

Most of us would quickly admit to our imperfections. We know we are sinners and fall short of God's glory. For some of us the imperfections are more obvious and the failures are more glaring than for others. Still, we all miss the mark. No matter how hard we try we seem to never reach the summit.

The Christian life is a process. Perfection is not ours in this life, but we continue to move toward that goal and celebrate with each other the progress we make in overcoming Satan and becoming more like Jesus. As the beloved apostle said, "We are being transformed into His image, from one degree of glory to another" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Our created image was shattered when man first sinned. God wanted us to be like Him, so He created us in His likeness. But sin destroyed that image. Broken by sin, our created image could only be restored by One equal to God. Through Jesus we now recapture our original purpose and identity. We are re-made in His image.

How are you responding to God's work in your life? Are you allowing Him to fashion you into His likeness? Only you can decide if God is "done with you."

— Al Behel



Special Guest Speaker Today: Mark Posey, minister of the Austinville congregation in Decatur, AL will speak for us this morning for Bible Study and worship. Mark has a background as a college teacher and has done mission work in the Caribbean islands, Europe, and Ukraine. He is a frequent speaker at Polishing The Pulpit, college lectureships, conducts numerous meetings each year and is the publisher of a religious periodical for preachers entitled Pulpit Preview. I spent several days last year with Mark and the Austinville church. Having heard him speak I am confident that you will find his messages to be timely and very edifying.

Ladies Bible Study Resumes—Tuesday, Sept. 1 in Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. New series of lessons presented by Polly Cline entitled "Hunger in My Soul" designed to enhance our personal Bible Study. Please come! Ladies will meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday during the fall months.

Other News & Sick:

-**Bob Foust**, who attends often with Shirley Harmon, had shoulder surgery and is now recovering at home.

MEETINGS NEXT SUNDAY: Our monthly men and ladies meetings will be next Sunday, August 30 at 4 pm.

Food Contact For Month: Linda Goodnight. Call her to assist.

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

Sermon Topics: A.M.—Mark Posey, Guest Speaker; P.M.—"He Wore A Crown of Thorns For Me"

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

Our Known Sick

- Dez Anderson**— still confined to home with multiple health issues. Keep praying. God is listening and answering.
- Sheryle Elkins**— is continuing to receive chemotherapy for lung cancer. Please pray fervently for her. Her address is: 1383 Lake Front Drive, Dandridge, TN 37725.
- Bill Valentine** is has completed radiation and chemotherapy for esophageal cancer. Please keep Bill and Gail in prayer.
- Marti Cantrell**—radiation treatment for breast cancer.
- Estlina Wilson**—in UT Medical Center with E.coli and other infections.
- Bill Green**—still struggling with health issues
- Jean Compton**— surgery delayed because of a growth in her mouth.
- Kathy May** battling ongoing health issues. She is still in Baxter.
- Keely Chambers**, is now recovering at home with Shirley Harmon, her grandmother.
- Pauline Swallow** is dealing with cancer. Keep praying for her.
- Bill England** is now at home after having surgery to remove part of his lung. Bill is suffering from lung cancer and bone cancer. Please keep him an Pat in your prayers.

Friends and Family News

- Coleen Thomason's sister, **Sharon Roth** suffered a stroke and has been moved to rehab. Her address is 6921 Pine Needle Lane, Boone Mills, VA 24065.
- Judy Watkins**, Rick's sister in Texas, is improving.
- Richard Nichols**, Nick Nichol's brother—cancer surgery in Illinois.
- Tom Behel**, Al's brother, had a seizure and was hospitalized.
- Morris Fields** -Leah Turner's uncle, dealing with serious lung problems, with hospice assisting.
- Barbara Copley**, friend of Bill England and Sheryle Elkins—cancer.
- Megan White**, Joyce Keyser's 24 yr. old cousin from Huntsville, is in NYC awaiting delicate surgery at the base of her brain to relieve pain when she eats. Surgery now postponed until September.
- David Timmerman**, a friend of Al and Linda's family, is suffering from stage 4 cancer. Treatment options are being evaluated.
- Ginny and Rick are requesting prayers for their daughter-in-law's grandmother, **Anna**, who lives in Argentina. She is very ill from a persistent infection.
- Dee Lewis**, friend of the Clietts, stage four cancer (6th occurrence)

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Building Fund

Loan balance as of 08/01/15 is **\$1,067,940.55**. 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

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