

NEWSLINE

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Jesus, I Give You Me!

A bus ministry worker knocked on the door of a house near their church building. A nine-year old boy came to the door. The worker asked if his parents were home. "No, they have gone away for the weekend. I am here with my little brother. I take care of him." Shocked that a nine-year old would be left in charge of his little brother for an entire weekend, the worker asked if he could pick him and his brother up for church the next day. The little boy was excited and said he had never been to church before. The worker told him about Jesus and how he gave himself for us. The child was moved by the story and was even more eager to go to church the next day.

The next morning at worship the children sat quietly in the pew listening but not understanding a lot of what they saw and heard. Finally, several men went to the front of the auditorium and picked up wooden plates which they started passing down the isles. The little boy watched intensely, trying to figure out what was happening. People were placing money in those plates. As the plate started down the pew where he was sitting, the little boy suddenly realized what was happening. "The people are giving money to Jesus!!"

As the plate passed by the little boy he fumbled to see if he could find any coins in his pocket, but there were none. He took hold of the plate and held it for several seconds before passing it to the next person. He kept watching as it went to the next rows behind him. Then, as if he couldn't stop himself, he rushed out of the pews into the isle and asked the man with the plate to let him hold it. He took the plate, placed it on the floor and stepped into it. Looking upward, he said loudly, "Jesus, I give you me!!"

— Al Behel

Other News & Sick:

-Glen Skelton—emergency surgery for detached retina. While surgery reattached retina, the ultimate outcome is uncertain at this time. Glen has to remain immobile and laying down for the next several weeks. Please pray that his eyesight will return to normal.

-Dwight Grizzell—surgery for prostate cancer was deemed successful—he went home on Saturday.

-Ben Lachica, Mariejane's dad, is in ICU on a ventilator with heart and lung problems and a high fever. Mariejane is in the Philippines with him. Ben spent one year here with Mariejane, Doug and Bryson, and we all loved him very much. His wife, Marcie, was with us for three years.

-Estlina Wilson—was rushed back to the hospital with pneumonia. She has had very little appetite and required blood transfusions. Further tests are scheduled.

-Please keep **Linda Goodnight's daughter** and her two daughters (ages 12 & 13) in your prayers as they adjust to the loss of her husband and father.

Ladies Bible Study Resumed— 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. Polly Cline is teaching a special series entitled, "Hunger in My Soul." Please see Polly or Sue Hayes for copies of the lessons. Next meeting this Tuesday, September 15.

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

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

Sermon Topics: A.M.— "Jesus: The Light of the World Today" Mark Haynes

P.M.—"The Gospel May Be More Than You Think" (1 Cor. 15:1-8; Acts 1:1-9; Romans 6:4) Danny Cline

Adult Bible Class—Hebrews 9 and 10 - Rick Cliett

Thank you to Mark, Danny and Rick for taking care of the class discussion and sermons in Al's absence. He and Linda will be back with us next Sunday.

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 last week.

-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.

-Bill Green—still struggling with health issues

-Jean Compton— surgery delayed because of a growth in her mouth, which has now been removed.

-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 at home after having surgery to remove part of his lung. Bill is suffering from lung cancer and bone cancer. Please keep him and Pat in your prayers.

-Patty Adair—recovering from shoulder surgery.

Friends and Family News

-Tom Elkins' brother, **Max**, at home with Hospice assisting.

-Skip Stewart's sister, **Carol Nusser**, has a lung problem—doctors first thought her heart to be involved.

-Coleen Thomason's sister, **Sharon Roth** suffered a stroke and moved to rehab. Address: 6921 Pine Needle Lane, Boone Mills, VA 24065.

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

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

-Tom Behel, Al's brother is in serious condition in Alabama.

-Morris Fields -Leah Turner's uncle, lung issue. Hospice assisting.

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

-Maegan White, Joyce Keyser's 24 yr. old cousin from Huntsville, had a very delicate surgery at the base of her brain to relieve pain when she eats. Maegan will remain in the hospital for several weeks.

-David Timmerman, a friend of Al and Linda's family, is suffering from stage 4 cancer. Treatment options are being evaluated.

-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)

-Bob Foust, Shirley Harmon's friend, recovering from shoulder surgery

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

1 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 08/01/15 is **\$1,062,602.56**. 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