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What Makes You Happy?

"Happy (blessed) is the man...." (Psalm 1:1)

When I ask people what their main goal in life is an overwhelming number reply, *"I just want to be happy!"* Well, according to a survey published in Huffington Post only 33% of American adults said they were very happy. That means 67% failed to obtain this evasive goal.

What makes *you* happy? Where do you hope to find it? Many of us believe we will find happiness in securing more things, making more money, having more exciting activities, or reaching the top of the ladder in their careers. Still others look for happiness in relationships, or through children, or by physical appearance.

King Solomon sought happiness by granting himself anything his heart desired. He found it all to be futile and a *"striving after the wind"* (Eccl. 1:4). He ultimately concluded that the real secret of happiness is to *"fear God and keep His commandments"* (Eccl. 12:13).

The apostle John warned against loving the world or the things in the world because they are *"passing away."* (I John 2:15-17). Those things have no lasting quality.

The psalmist promised that happiness comes to those who do not listen to the counsel of ungodly people, join in the sinful behaviors of others, or scoff at principles of righteousness. Instead, this person *"delights"* in God's word, meditates on in continually. He is stable in all his endeavors and prospers in all that he does. (Psalm 1:1-3).

— Al Behel

Other News & Sick:

Sympathy To: Tom Elkins and his family in the death of his brother Max, who passed away last Sunday in West Virginia. His funeral was Wednesday.

-Glen Skelton—is recovering from retina surgery. He is will be required to be immobile much of the day. Keep praying for a complete recovery.

-Dwight Grizzell—surgery for prostate cancer was deemed successful—he will be recovering for a few weeks.

-Ben Lachica, Mariejane's dad—a tracheostomy on Wednesday to help restore his oxygen level. 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—is still in ICU at UT Hospital. To date 7 liters of fluid has been extracted. Keep praying.

Josh Hawkes has pneumonia. The family is headed to Ohio to see a doctor there on Monday. It appears that Austin is getting sick also.

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.

Ladies Bible Study—1st and 3rd Tuesdays—next class is October 6 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Polly Cline is leading a special series entitled "Hunger in My Soul." Please see Polly or Sue Hayes for copies of lessons.

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

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

Sermon Topics: A.M. — *"In Times Like These"* James 1:2-18

P.M.— *"The Yoke of Jesus"*

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 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—recovering from lung cancer surgery. Keep praying.

Friends and Family News

-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, had a serious episode Thursday night and stopped breathing. The EEG indicates some brain damage—family was going to see if he can breathe without the respirator.

-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

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 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