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Reaching The Impossible Dream

"He ties the hand of every man, that all men may know His work" (Job 37:7)

In 1790 the patent law was enacted by the United States Congress. Some opposed the law, saying that everything that could be invented had already been invented. Those law makers would be surprised today! They couldn't envision telegraphs, telephones, radios, television, computers, airplanes, space vehicles, microwaves, cell-phones, or even automobiles!

Aren't you glad that the doubts of some were not the convictions of others? We have transcended unbelievable heights, reached beyond distant boundaries, and touched the stars with our dreams. When Booker T. Washington took a shanty in a church yard and built the infamous Tuskegee Institute who would have imagined that his dream would grow into the great Tuskegee University which stands today as one of the greatest universities in America?

George Washington Carver, a faculty member at Tuskegee, developed some 325 products from peanuts, 108 applications for sweet potatoes, and 75 products from pecans. One hardly goes grocery shopping without benefiting from the dreams of this one man. We owe much to the dreams of others.

In spite of our accomplishment, there are limits beyond which we cannot go. Our hands are tied. While we are gifted with creative abilities to invent amazing gadgets, we are limited to the mere use and reformation of things God has placed in our hands. God sets limits for our own good so that "all men may know His work."

God's dreams for us are placed in our hearts. He wants us to reach the outer limits, but He wants us to remember that our dreams are set within the limits He has placed around us for our own good. He knows how far we can go without damaging or destroying ourselves. He opens doors to new possibilities when we are ready to handle the responsibility for those dreams.

— Al Behel

Other News:

Sympathy: To Connie Phelan in the death of her husband, Terry, who passed away Friday night. Plans will be announced. Please keep Connie and her family in your prayers. Cards may be sent to 161 Roaring Fork Rd., Gatlinburg, TN 37738.

Tennille Wiles is suffering from multiple seizures. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Chili Supper—tonight following worship. Some of the men (I'm sure some of the ladies will rescue us) have volunteered to make chili. Everyone else should bring side items like chips, crackers, cornbread, onions, relishes, grated cheese, sour cream, desserts, and drinks.

Sunday School News: All teachers and students report to regular classrooms. The combined groups have completed their study and regular classes resume.



Bottles of Love—Please fill your bottles with your coins/green bills or earmark a check for "Bottles of Love" and place in collection or give to one of the men. This project helps provide items for newborns at the hospital and clothing for needy school children. Bottles may be turned in at the sound booth. Visitors who wish to donate may place your donation in one of the large baby bottles located in either foyer.

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

Elder Contact for Month: Rick Cliett. Phone: 865-789-9619

Sermon Topics: A.M. - "David Meets Abigail"; P.M. - "Lessons From Revelation: Patmos and Beyond"-No. 5- The Church of the Living Dead

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. Had a PET scan recently that indicates the tumor continues to shrink. Keep praying. Her address is: 1383 Lake Front Drive, Dandridge, TN 37725.

-Estlina Wilson is battling blood clots in her leg.

-Bill Green—still struggling with health issues

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

-Larry Valentine received a cancer free report from his CT Scan.

-Linda Valentine is suffering from a condition which produces too many red blood cells. She is having a lot of difficulty. Please pray.

-Francis Laney is now in rehab in NC following a stroke. Her address is on the bulletin board in foyer.

-Pauline Swallow-has colon cancer. Please pray.

-Bill England-began radiation treatment for bone cancer on Tuesday.

Friends and Family News

-Randy Messick, Jan's son, is battling liver cancer. He lives in Winston Salem, NC. Keep him in prayer.

-Mary Wagner, sister of Tina Yates, completed radiation treatments. Tests will be run in a few weeks to determine how successful the treatments were. 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.

-Scotty Elkins, Tom and Deb's grandson, waiting results of liver tests

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

-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 now home and doing better.

-Barbara Copley, friend of Bill England and Sheryle Elkins— cancer. Bill England has requested prayer for his friend, **Bill Forsythe**.

Deployed to Afghanistan: Tyler Behel, Al's nephew.

Special Events

Ladies Bible Class
1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Men's Prayer Session
Monday mornings at 8:30

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 03/05/15 is **\$1,093,821.71**. 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.