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He Walks With Me

"Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him" (Genesis 5:24)

Imagine that! A man who never died. A man who walked so close to God that God took him straight to heaven. What an honor! Enoch walked with God and formed such a bond with Him that he never had to experience the agony of dying or the darkness of the grave.

What does it mean to walk with God? For Enoch, it meant that he was never separated from His presence...he never walked alone. He never went where God did not go. He never broke fellowship with his Father. God was his constant companion and guide.

We don't know much about Enoch. He was the son of Jared and had several brothers and sisters. At age 65 he had a son named Methuselah who lived to be 969 years of age. At age 365 God took Enoch to heaven. His record in history covers only four verses in Genesis. Still, his faith was so outstanding that the book of Hebrews tells us, *"By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death; and he was not found, because God had taken him"* (Hebrews 11:5)

Walking with God assumes that we are truly *with* God. Not that we believe in Him or know that He exists. It means that we are in His presence...where He is...doing what He wants done. It means setting our hearts to do His will. It means going where He goes. If we are not going where God goes, then we are not walking with Him. We are walking alone.

Walking with God means that we sustain constant fellowship with Him. We commune with Him continually in prayer. We listen when He speaks. We share with Him the deepest thoughts of our hearts. Our praise is to His glory. We tell others what great works He has done.

Enoch was taken directly to heaven because of his faith. I wonder if I could have faith that deep. A faith so strong that God would consider that I am walking with Him. Only one other person was allowed to enter heaven without dying. Elijah, the prophet, was taken up in full view of his successor, Elisha (2 Kings 2:11). He, too, had found the secret of walking with God.

___ Al Behel

Other News:

-Jim Anderson fell on Thursday and had surgery to place a rod in his wrist on Friday. His son is assisting him and Dez for a time; however, more help may be needed.

-Roger Thompson, son of Chris Thompson, is battling several health issues, including an irregular heart rate.

-Ben Lachica, Mariejane's father, is now home recovering from a stroke suffered last week.

-Doug Scott recovering well from cataract surgery last week.

-Ron Sommerville - preparing for more back procedures.

-Donna Walker's sister - very serious condition with congestive heart failure, kidney and liver issues. Donna was bitten by a dog and is happy to learn that she will not be required to take rabies shots.

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



Bottles of Love—Funds help newborns at local hospital and provide clothes for school children. A large bottle is located in each foyer for visitors who wish to contribute. The bottles are due today.

Food Contact For Month: Linda Goodnight. Contact her to help.

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

Sermon Topics: A.M. - "1 Samuel 27-30, When Discouragement Comes Ziklag Looks Good"; P.M. - Youth will lead our worship

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. She has required oxygen this past week. 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.

-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-receiving radiation treatment for bone cancer.

-DeEtte Alexander—suffering from migraine headaches.

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.

-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 suffering from a lung infection that can be managed but is incurable. Please continue prayers.

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

Bill England has requested prayer for his friend, **Chester 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.