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Ready To Die?

"This very year you will die..." (Jeremiah 28:16)

Have you ever wondered when you will die? Most of us don't think it will be soon. We plan for the long haul, to be around for years to come. Yet, God instructed Jeremiah to tell the prophet Hananiah, *"This very year you will die..."* (Jer. 28:16). Hananiah had spoken words of rebellion against the Lord and caused the people to trust a lie.

Statisticians tell us that 55.3 million people will die this year. That's two people every second of every day. Is 2015 your year to die? Don't brush the question aside because some year will be your year. Some of us who read these words might be shocked to see the sentence beside our name, *"This very year you will die."*

We are told that all men are created equal. That doesn't always seem to be the case as some are born into favorable conditions, others into poverty and despair. But, when it comes to our inevitable appointment with death, equality is an absolute fact. We all die. The rich can't buy it off. The powerful can't prevent it.

The year of our death should be the most eventful and significant year we live. It ends our connection with this present world and ushers us into the eternal world where there is no death. But the effects of death are not equal. For some it will be the most wonderful moment of their lives. For others, the most horrible and terrible event they will have ever endured.

The good news is that we can choose the outcome. We are given explicit instructions as to how to prepare for the year of our death. We are told how to become *"fit for death"*. May we all choose wisely.

— Al Behel

Other News:

-**Jim Anderson** fell a week ago down a steep embankment and broke his right wrist. A pin had to be installed. He is still having significant difficulty with the pin and cast. Dez's blood pressure condition improved over the past week.

-**Al Finnell** was diagnosed with a heart attack which he suffered a few weeks ago. He will have additional tests to determine severity of his heart condition.

-**Skip Stewart** is scheduled for vascular tests on April 15.

-**Ron Sommerville** is preparing for more back procedures.

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

-**Ben Lachica**, Marijane's father, is improving at home in the Philippines.

-**Donna Walker's sister** - very serious condition with congestive heart failure, kidney and liver issues.

-**Bottles of Love**—If you still have a bottle or a check or some green, please turn in to sound room.

Food Contact For Month: Priscilla Dick. Contact her to help.

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

Sermon Topics: A.M.—"On the Road to Emmaus" Scripture—Luke 24: 13-35; P.M. – "Lessons from Revelation: Patmos and Beyond"- No.7-"The Church That Made God Sick"

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**—will have a PET scan Monday to determine the effectiveness of her cancer treatments. Please pray fervently for her. Her address is: 1383 Lake Front Drive, Dandridge, TN 37725.

-**Estlina Wilson** is battling blood clots in her leg. Keep in prayer.

-**Bill Green**—still struggling with health issues. Prayers please.

-**Hubert and Jean Compton**—Hubert recovering from a fall and Jean battling heart issues. Remember in prayer.

-**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** has completed rehab and is with her son in North Carolina. Her address is on the bulletin board in foyer. Thanks for prayers.

-**Pauline Swallow**—has colon cancer. Please pray.

-**Bill England**—receiving radiation treatment for bone cancer. Keep in prayers.

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 soon to determine how successful the treatments were. Prayers please. 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 is not curable. Please continue prayers.

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

-**Brenda Moore**, friend of Leah, has thyroid cancer and is having a very difficult time. Prayers appreciated.

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

Deployed to Afghanistan: Tyler Behel, Al's nephew

Special Events

Ladies Bible Class
1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

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 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.