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Bugs Can't Wait

I once heard of a man who lived in the country who received a neighbor's mail by mistake. He put the envelope aside, intending to deliver it someday to the neighbor whom he had not seen for a long time. Several weeks passed and news came that the neighbor had died. He had died of starvation. Suddenly the man remembered the envelope which he had received by mistake. He rushed into his house, opened the envelope and found a check which was intended to provide food for the neighbor.

You come home from a hard day at the office. You are barely out of your car before your young son runs to you yelling excitedly, "Look, dad! Look at the bug! After dealing with unhappy people all day the last thing you want to do is look at a bug! You respond impatiently, "Later, son. I have a headache." He turns and walks away with head lowered. The damage is done.

Bugs can't wait. That ballgame can, or the telephone, or the news. But, bugs just can't wait! Tomorrow is too late to take that walk around the yard looking at all the creatures growing on the plants. Tomorrow is too late to sit down in the floor and tell everybody that you already have a commitment.

Business can wait. Even some church work can wait. The most spiritual activity of your day may be throwing the ball in the yard, playing games in the floor, and making your child feel that he or she is important enough for you to give your most precious gift...yourself. It requires more than time. It requires *dedicated* time, *dedicated* energy, *dedicated* thinking, and *dedicated* love.

God never tells us to wait when we come to Him with our smallest need. He always has time to listen, and to respond. Eyeball to eyeball. Sure, He's awfully busy, but He has time for *you*. He has time for *me*. I have never been told to wait 'til later. Early in the morning when I can't sleep. Late at night when things have been so hectic and I can hardly spell my name, He stops and listens to me.

Other things can wait for you, but bugs can't wait. They will crawl away and disappear in the grass. Just like that bug, so will our children. They, too, will move out of their rooms and take their place in an adult world. They can't wait.

— Al Behel



Bottles of Love: Please remember to fill your bottle and return to the sound room by the end of the month. The funds collected will be used to assist newborns at the hospital and clothes for school children. The big bottle in the foyer is for visitors to use if you wish to participate.

Other News:

-**Sue Mercer** is recovering from knee replacement surgery on March 16. She is in LeConte Medical Center, Room 308. Visits and cards are welcomed.

-**Sue Hayes' sister-in-law, Jane Hufford**, is suffering with a recurrence of Leukemia. She lives in Nashville.

-**Chase McNabb's grandmother** suffered a stroke recently and passed away a few days later. Chase is part of our teen group.

Food Contact For Month: Leah Turner, Back up Linda Valentine

Elder Contact for Month: Marc Hayes, phone: 1-731-608-4148

Sermon Topics: A.M. - "Walking By Faith—Add Knowledge"

P. M. - "Seeking The Living Among The Dead"

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.

-**Sheryle Elkins**— is continuing chemotherapy on a periodic basis for treatment of lung cancer.

-**Bill Valentine** is recovering from esophageal cancer surgery. We rejoice with him that all indicators are good.

-**Bill Green**—suffering from several health issues.

-**Jean Compton**—is recovering at home.

-**Kathy May** battling ongoing health issues. She is still in Baxter.

-**Pauline Swallow** is dealing with cancer. Keep praying for her.

-**Jerry and Jeanette Dyer**— they face several challenges.

-**Patty Adair** is having hyperbaric treatment for a leg infection. She is getting positive results.

-**Larry Barnett** scheduled for injections to ease pain back and hip.

-**Madison Barnett** is battling very painful kidney stones.

-**Hazel Gosnell** is receiving therapy for speech and feeding. She and her parents, **Heather and Mark**, have been worshipping with us.

Friends and Family News

-**Shannon Barnett, son of Larry and Helen**, is scheduled for surgery on the 23rd at MD Anderson in Houston. Please keep in prayer.

-Joyce Keyser's cousin, **Maegan White**, recovering from brain surgery.

-**Sue Hayes sister, Joyce**, recovering from a fall.

-**Pat Thomas**, friend of Linda Valentine and other members here, had bladder cancer surgery recently. Pat lives in Brentwood, TN.

-Brenda Scott's niece, **Nita Watern**, -liver cancer and is receiving chemotherapy. She lives in New Madison, Ohio.

-**Judy Watkins and husband Jim**—continuing health issues.

-**Dee Lewis**, friend of the Cletts, stage four cancer (6th occurrence)

-**John Devore's** (Linda Goodnight's husband) **daughter, Chelle Hendershot**, recovering from a severe automobile accident.

-**Randy Moore**, brother of Tina Yates, suffering from kidney disease and on dialysis—Tina appreciates prayers for him.

Ladies Bible Class—First and third Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Polly Cline is leading a study on "Hunger in my Soul".



Wedding Invitation



Everyone is invited to the wedding of **Josh Eaton** to **Lisa Sampson** on Wednesday evening, March 23, immediately after our Bible Study. Sandwiches and finger foods will be served as well as wedding cake. There will be a money tree set up for Josh and Lisa.

Special Events

Men's Prayer Session

Monday mornings at 8:30

Wednesday Night

Danny Cline leading a study—*"They Met the Messiah in Mark"*

Sunday Adult Class

2 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 03/04/16 is **\$1,032,244.50**. 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