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A Bit Of Spiritual Potpourri

We sometimes sing, "When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there!" I wonder why some Christians think they will enjoy being there when they find so little joy in worship or Bible study. What makes us think we'll enjoy being in heaven if we don't find assembling together with the Lord the most exciting part of our week?

A young Christian, upon entering the church building one Sunday morning was greeted by one of the deacons who said, "Well, Henry, I see you are out bright and early to serve the Lord!" Henry replied, "No. On the contrary, my motive in being here is to worship the Lord. I have been serving Him all week." Ouch!!

If we get angry when someone tells us the truth in love, then the truth is that we don't love the truth.

Meekness is the openness of heart which eagerly receives truth even when it requires self-evaluation and correction.

Isn't It Strange?

Some Christians can be pushed and insulted in the tickets line at the ballgame, ignored at the beauty salon or barber shop, bawled out in the grocery store, but they never cease to frequent these places.

But, if these same individuals feel slighted at church, or they don't see anyone going out of their way to make them feel welcome, they refuse to attend for weeks or quit for good.

Isn't it strange? Not only is it strange, it is inconsistent. Being peeved at one's fellow Christians and forsaking the Lord is about as logical as being mad at the dog and kicking the cat.

FAITH IS SPIRITUAL POWER

—Al Behel

Our Known Sick

- Dez Anderson**— still suffering with multiple health issues. Keep praying. God is listening and answering.
- Jim Anderson** had surgery recently on his arm. It is good to have him back with us.
- Sheryle Elkins**—is continuing chemotherapy. Her recent scan showed a slight enlargement of one of the spots. Please keep praying.
- Bill Valentine** is recovering from esophageal cancer surgery. Please keep praying for Bill and Gail.
- 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.

Friends and Family News

- Lida Cliett**, Rick's aunt, very ill with heart failure complicated by cancer. Her sister is Rick's stepmother, Billie.
- Joyce Keyser's cousin, **Maegan White**, brain surgery.
- Sue Hayes sister, Joyce**, recovering from a fall.
- Sue Hayes' sister-in-law, Jane Hufford**, is suffering with a recurrence of Leukemia. She especially requests prayers that a bone marrow transplant donor be found for her. She lives in Nashville.
- 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**, has liver cancer and is receiving chemotherapy. She lives in New Madison, Ohio.
- Judy Watkins and husband Jim**—continuing health issues. (Rick Cliett's sister and husband).
- Dee Lewis**, friend of the Clietts, stage four cancer (6th occurrence)
- John Devore's** (Linda Goodnight's husband) **daughter, Chelle Hendershot**, recovering well from a car accident last winter.
- Randy Moore**, brother of Tina Yates, suffering from kidney disease. He has had a set back and is not doing well at this time.

Graduation Celebration: Pot Luck Dinner following worship tonight to honor our graduates. Our graduates include: **Seth Lafollette**, P.F.; **Chase McNabb**, Sevier County; **Victor Nwadike**, Home School; **Jared Cantrell**, UT; **Jacob Forman**, UT; and **Azlin Hitchcock**, Walter's State. Please join us to honor these graduates.

Other News

Kenny Jones fell Friday and suffered a head injury. He is in LeConte Medical Center, room 317.

Thank You - to all who contributed to help Erin Robinson and Joseph Wheeler participate in the Latin American Mission to Costa Rica. Our thanks also to Victor Nwadike for his hard work on the picnic table and benches for the playground and to all who contributed for this project.

Ladies Bible Study—Polly Cline has been leading us in an excellent study entitled "Hunger in My Soul" - Tuesday, May 17, at 10 a.m. will conclude this time together until we resume in the fall. Date to be announced later.

Food Contact For Month: Patty Adair

Elder Contact for Month: Rick Cliett (865-789-9619)

Sermon Topics: A.M.—"The Roles of Men and Women in the Church"
I Timothy 2:8-15; I Corinthians 14:33b-36
P.M. - "A message to our Graduates"

Interpreter for deaf and hearing impaired available for AM and PM worship

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

I Timothy—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 05/02/16 is **\$1,022,578.85**. 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.