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Praising God in Song

We have always expressed our thoughts and emotions in song. Whenever we are sad, or lonely, or happy...we sing. When we want to communicate our deepest longings or desires, we express it in songs.

God's people have also expressed the deepest content of their souls in hymns of praise and devotion. The psalmist lifted his greatest concerns before God in songs. He praised his Creator in songs. His agony about sin, his anxiety about death, his longing for a deeper relationship with the Father...all are expressed in songs.

Today, God's people still sing. We sing because we are moved by His presence, by His power, and love. We sing because God requests that the content of our hearts be expressed through our lips. We sing because we can't hold it in; we can't stop thanking Him; we can't stop lifting Him up and glorifying His name. That's why Christians sing.

Some sing out of a sense of duty or obligation. After all, we have been commanded to sing with melody in our hearts to God (Ephesians 5:19). If that is what singing means to us then it must surely fall flat on the ears of our Father.

Historically, love has been expressed in song. Some of our greatest lyric express the love in one heart for another. And, that is really why we sing to God. We want to present our affection for Him in melody that flows from hearts filled with praise, adoration, and love. Let's keep singing!

—Al Behel

Other News

-**Larry Barnett** is wearing a heart monitor til July 28 in hopes of obtaining a better insight into the overall condition of his heart. All test results should be in by that time. Keep praying for Larry.

-**Breanna Barnett** is scheduled for a nuclear stress test on Monday at Children's Hospital. Please pray that everything will go well for her.

-**Madison Barnett** is still having significant pain as she suffers from chronic kidney stones. Different medications are being tried with her. She hates to complain and seems to always have a smile on her face, but she is usually in significant pain.

-**Joyce Keyser** has been diagnosed with peritoneal cancer. She underwent two procedures this week. One was to open a blockage to her kidney. The other was to determine if the cancer is localized to one area of the peritoneum. It appears that it is localized, which is very encouraging news, and means that radiation and chemotherapy may be viable treatment options with long term remission possible. Keep praying. God is good!

-**VBS** was a great success!! Thanks to Mark, Cathy, all the teachers, helpers, and those who donated or served food items. Our thanks to Glen Skelton for the chicken nuggets and to Burger King for providing other items and gift certificates.

-**Directory Updates:** Please review your directory information and make any additions or corrections and send these to Linda at lbehel@ix.netcom.com.

-**Grief Support Group**—see Patty Adair for more information.

-**Wednesday Night**—As part of Al's Wednesday night series, Bud Thomasson, LCSW, will present a special lesson on "**Christians and Addictions**". Bud directs the out-patient addiction program for the Veteran's Administration. He also directs a church-based Third Step program for addiction recovery in Knoxville. This class will be highly informative.

Food Contact For Month: Leah Turner

Elder Contact for Month: Marc Hayes (1-731-608-4148)

Sermon Topics: A.M. - "I Will Make You Fishers of Men" (Matthew 4:18-22; Luke 5:1-11); P.M. - "Removing The Masks"

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. Her last scan showed a slight enlargement of one spot in her lung. Please keep praying.

-**Bill Valentine** is recovering from esophageal cancer surgery. Please keep praying for Bill and Gail.

-**Larry Valentine**—skin cancer removed requiring numerous stitches.

-**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 Cliett**, who is also suffering from low sodium levels and extreme vertigo.

-**Joyce Keyser's** cousin, **Maegan White**, brain surgery, and she is not doing well but rather continues to experience pain and suffering.

-**Chris Robertson**, Brenda Scott's 86 year old sister, had a very risky hip replacement surgery on Wednesday. She also has heart problems.

-**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).

-**Miss Rose**, Leah's 96 year old neighbor, was taken to the hospital by ambulance on Thursday after passing out. Please see Leah's email for details.

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

-**Rick and Ginny** will be coming home Monday.

-**Mark Baker**, Coleen Thomason's brother-in-law. Pneumonia.

Christianity & Mental Health Series—Al is leading a study on Wednesday nights. Next: 7/27 - "*Guilt and Conscience*"

Special Events

Men's Prayer Session
Monday mornings at 8:30

Wednesday Night

*Al Behel will lead a special study
for the next four weeks*

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 07/02/16 is **\$1,002,855.22**. 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.