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“The Lord’s Day”

The aged apostle John had been banished to a small Island off the coast of Asia Minor. The island was home to the region’s worst criminals...rapists, murderers, thieves, robbers...who had been sent there for confinement. This man of God would live the rest of his life among these outcasts. His crime? He kept talking about Jesus.

This godly saint said he was in the spirit “on the Lord’s day” when Jesus appeared to him. The events which followed make up the final book of Sacred Scripture.

“The Lord’s day.” A day with special meaning. A day set aside for special purposes. The designation suggests that the Lord has a certain interest in this day. Why is this designation assigned to the first day of the week?

Perhaps it’s significance is rooted in the fact that Sunday is the day of resurrection, the day of victory for the entire world. The day when Satan was mortally wounded. His plans were thwarted, his efforts to destroy the mission of Jesus were crushed. The grave could not hold our Savior. The stone over the tomb was rolled away and the angels cheered. Satan’s celebration came to an abrupt halt. Fear must have silenced his laughter. The Son of God is alive!

Shortly afterward the followers of Jesus began assembling on this day. They broke bread together. They encouraged each other through mutual edification in worship. Their songs filled the chambers of heaven. Their prayers went up as a sweet aroma to the throne of Almighty God. And He listened. He heard the desires of their hearts. He was pleased with the melody of blended voices as He received their praise.

The day is still significant. It is still a day of celebration, of victory. A day when we gather to commune with our living Savior, Who alone gives us life. A day for edifying one another, supporting one another through the fellowship of a common love. A time when the weak have their burden lifted, the downtrodden are given hope. A time for prayer, quiet prayer.

It is a special day, the *Lord’s Day*. A time for putting all other activities aside while we assemble for worship. A day for contemplation and service. Every Lord’s day. Not just when it is convenient, but every week we celebrate His victory on our behalf.

All over the world Christians observe the sacredness of this special day. From the darkest continent to the most advanced of nations, Christians look back to that horrible cross standing atop Calvary, and forward to His glorious return.

The Lord’s Day. A time for each of us to renew our commitments and draw strength from one another to face the challenges of all other days. Make this day a special day of worship and service our risen Lord.

__Al Behel

-**Tony Cantrell’s mother**—is receiving hospice care at home. Her condition is very grave and hospice believes she only has a few days. Please keep her, Tony, and the entire family in your prayers.

-**Meetings:** Our men and Ladies will have our respective meetings today at 4 p.m. There will be no meetings in December.

Food Contact For Month: Leah Turner

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

Sermon Topics: A.M. - “A Servant Heart” - (John 13:1-17)
P.M. - “Is God Ashamed To Be Called Your God?”

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

Our Known Sick

-**Dez Anderson**— suffering many health issues. Prayers and cards are encouraging and appreciated.

-**Geordie Haynes** will have ear surgery at a later date.

-**Sheryle Elkins**-continuing chemotherapy. PET scan was good.

-**Bill Valentine** received a good report from his PET scan as nothing showed up. He will be re-evaluated in January. Please keep Bill and Gail your prayers.

-**Joyce Keyser**-Joyce suffers from peritoneal cancer. M.D. Anderson doctors confirmed that her treatment here is best for her. It is always so good to back with us when she feels up to coming.

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

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

-**Kathy May**—battling ongoing health issues.

-**Jeanette and Jerry Dyer**—as they face many struggles.

-**Charles & Frances Copeland**-newborn great granddaughter, **Madeleine Grace Kirby**, is very ill with a genetic disorder. Prognosis is not good. She is home at this time.

Friends and Family News/Prayer Requests

-**Linda Blass**, Vicki’s mom, in rehab facility recovering from hip surgery.

-**Jackie Stearsman**, minister friend of Al’s, the Littletons, and Copelands, has leukemia.

-**Nita Watern**, Brenda Scott’s niece, chemo for liver cancer.

-**Lida Cliett**, Rick’s aunt, ill with heart failure and cancer.

-**Meagan White**, Joyce’s cousin, pain post brain surgeries.

-**Sue Hayes’** sister-in-law, **Jane Hufford**, suffering from leukemia, received a long awaited bone marrow transplant August 23.

-**Jim & Judy Watkins**—Rick’s sister and husband, health issues.

-**Dee Lewis**, friend of the Cliett’s, 6th occurrence of stage 4 cancer.

--**Breana Ward**, age 32, stage 4 cancer-has three children. Prayers and cards requested. Address in foyer. This family visits with us.

-**Tina’s** older sister, **Marylyne Hunneke**, is now in Hospice and is continually in bed and not eating. She awakens for a moment and then falls back to sleep. Please keep her in your prayers.

--**Grief Support Group**—See Patty Adair for updates.

-**Ladies Bible Class:** First and third Tuesdays with Polly Cline leading a study on “Hunger In My Soul?”

-**Rick and Ginny** should be back on November 8.

-**Mark Your Calendars:** Holiday Party, December 10 at 6 p.m.

Special Events

Men’s Prayer Session
Monday mornings at 8:30

Sunday Adult Class
I Timothy 3 & 4 —Al Behel

Wednesday Night Class

Danny Cline -"Faith and Conscience" Part 2- I Timothy 1:5,19

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

The latest Loan balance is **\$1,000,823.59**. 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.