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To Hear The Angel Singing

“...there will be joy in heaven...” (Luke 15:7)

Angels are directly affected by events on earth. Corinthian women were instructed to recognize the chain of spiritual authority and dress appropriately “because of the angels” (1 Corinthians 11:10). When the Christ child was born angels sang for joy. And Jesus tells us that there is rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents.

I like football and most other sports. I like the excitement of the crowd when the runner is about to cross the goal line to score a touchdown. Fans are on their feet, yelling feverishly, waving their arms, applauding, and cheering the team toward victory.

I think that must be the way it is with angels. Watching the battle with Satan angels are cheering us on. As we are winning surely they must burst into encouraging chants of victory. When we cross the finish line into the arms of the waiting Father their joy cannot be contained. They are emotionally moved by our victory over sin. I like to think that they are applauding every step we take toward home.

I believe there is joy when a child of God reaches the finish line to receive that eternal crown. I wonder what it will be like for heaven’s door to open to us and for us to finally walk into the presence of our eternal Father. I wonder if the heavenly host will burst into applause and shouts of joy when we arrive home.

The apostle Paul knew the end was near when he wrote, “...the time of my departure has come. I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing” (2 Timothy 4:7,8). What a joyful day it will be! To hear the angels singing! And...to see our heavenly Father and His glorious Son.

—Al Behel

OTHER SICK AND NEWS

- Rick Cliett’s niece, **Penny**—given a short time to live due to liver failure. Has surrendered to Christ and has asked for prayers.

-**Larry Barnett’s** surgery has been postponed.

-**Irma Martinez** (Honduras) is scheduled for surgery Monday to remove any remaining contaminated tissue from a previous tumor surgery.

- **Kenny Jones**—is in Newport Rehab Center. He will appreciate prayers, visits, and cards. His address is 135 Generation Dr., Newport, TN 37821. (By the way, he loves snacks).

- Deepest Sympathy To **Naomi Nwadike** in the death of her mother, **Isme McIntyre**, who passed last week at Naomi and Emmanuel’s home.

-**Gary Dick** will do a special presentation July 30th on their recent trip to Israel. He will share a PowerPoint presentation.

Food Contact For Month: Patty Adair and Priscilla Dick

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

Sermon Topics: A.M.—“How To Behave In Church” (1 Peter 3:8-12)
P.M.—“What Difference Do You Make?”

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.

-**Sheryle Elkins**-continuing treatment for cancer. Her scan showed the chemo is working! Praise God! Please keep praying for her and Dan.

-**Dan Elkins**— dealing with several health issues.

-**Joyce Keyser**-Joyce suffers from peritoneal cancer. Please continue to pray for her progress and control of her cancer.

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

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

-**Wyatt Cox** (3 years old) -is home from Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital following his third open heart surgery. He has been a real trooper and is progressing well. Keep praying for the success of his surgery. His recovery is expected to take a while.

--**Les Jewell** is continuing to improve following a recent brainstem stroke. It was good to have him and Barbara back with us.

-**Carolyn Sommerville**—very weak and struggling, as well as Ron. Her doctor is trying to arrange for home health.

-**Charles & Frances Copeland**- great granddaughter, **Madeline Grace Kirby**, is very ill with a genetic disorder. She has been moved to Alabama for a special treatment.

Friends and Family News/Prayer Requests

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

-**Sue & Marc Hayes’** sister-in-law, **Jane Hufford**, second transplant (peripheral blood transplant rather than bone marrow transplant) appears to be successful. Prayers are requested for her.

-**Breana Ward**, age 32, is now in remission from her cancer. Address in foyer. This family visits with us.

-**Jessica Anderson**, 35 year old niece of the Tollivers, has stage 3b breast cancer. Double mastectomy was done recently.

-**B.W. Ausborn**, frequent visitors from Fulton, MS.—bladder cancer. His wife, Irene, has requested that we pray for him.

-**Faye Cline**, Pat England’s mother, has lung cancer and has been given 6-8 months to live. Please keep her, Pat, and family in your prayers.

-**Rosemary Spivy**, Cathy Haynes’ mother—Wellpark Rehab Center, Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville—following shoulder surgery.

-**Cindy Wills**, Tina’s daughter, quadruple bypass.

-**Tyler Behel**, Al’s nephew, deployed to Iraq. Third deployment.

Special Events

Men’s Prayer Session
Monday mornings at 8:30

Sunday Adult Class
2 Timothy 4 —Al Behel

Wednesday Night Class
Danny Cline will lead our study

Building Fund

Loan balance on 07/14/17 is **\$948,182.02** 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.

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