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Patience... The Lost Virtue

It seems that we are always in a hurry. Our "instant" lifestyle and dot.com mentality is a reflection of our lack of patience. We hate to wait. Patience is not the virtue that it once was. On the contrary, we want what we want when we want it in the way we want it and at the price we want to pay.

Actually, children are born impatient. From the moment they enter the world they are demanding to have their needs met and become quite upset if they are not. Responding to their survival needs establishes a bond of connectedness between infants and their caregivers. As they grow they will learn lessons of tolerance and understanding when they don't get everything they want when they want it.

Teaching patience is a parental responsibility which begins with modeling this trait in ourselves. Learning to appreciate the beauty of the sunset and the slow, subtle changes of nature teaches children that the magnificent and lovely things of life require time. Learning to empathize and respond to the needs of others takes the focus off of self and translates into thoughtfulness and traits of character which lay the foundation for effective living.

Waiting in line or taking turns teaches children to value others and consider them as having equal worth with themselves. When we are impatient with others on the road, in the grocery, or in social settings, children have difficulty rising above their models. By rewarding patience and giving children reflective down time away from electronic babysitters, parents can achieve long term success as children master the art of self-control. Self-control enhances the child's self-esteem and results in improved relationships, better discipline, and positive learning experiences.

Patience is a godly trait. During creation, God Himself took six days to accomplish what He could have done instantly with a spoken word. His patience caused Him to wait, and wait, and wait...until the right time...then He sent His Son to save sinners. Aren't you glad that God is a God of patience who waits for us to respond to His love?

—Al Behel

Disaster Relief Update: A complete report is available in the foyer of the activities of our disaster relief program to date. The report was emailed to our members. Visitors: Please feel free to take a copy back to your congregation.

-Bottles of Love—Due Today! If using checks they may be made out to this church and earmarked for Bottles of Love. These funds assist the ladies in providing for the needs of 20 local newborns per month.

-Graduation Celebration will be May 7. More details will be coming but save that date now. Graduates are: Caroline Holliman (SCHS), Rachel Bailey (SCHS), Lydia Cantrell (Tennessee Tech, Cookeville), Josh Hawkes (Homeschooled), and Warren Dick (Greeneville HS), and Samantha Sheffield (EMT School). Exciting times!

-Wedding Bells - DeEtte Alexander and Bill Shirley plan to be married on April 23 at the GSM church. Everyone is invited.

-Al will be speaking next Sunday morning at the Jefferson Avenue congregation in Cookeville. Danny Cline will speak in Al's absence.

You are cordially invited to a Mr. and Mrs. Bridal Tea

Honoring Abby Lee and Hunter Haynes
Sunday, April 9 at the Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ
Come and Go from 2 p.m.—4 p.m.—See Priscilla or Patty for more details

Food Contact For Month: Patty Adair, back up Leah Turner

Elder Contact for Month: Jim Anderson (865-924-1067)

Sermon Topics: A.M. - "Do You Love Me More Than These?" (Jn. 21:1-23)
P.M. - "Let's Talk About The GSM Church"

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 chemotherapy. CT scan showed a minimal increase in size of the nodules in her lungs. Prayers appreciated.

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

-Herman Byrne was diagnosed with bladder cancer. There are several tumors inside the bladder and they have penetrated into the muscle. Further tests will be done and treatment options will be considered. Please pray for Herman and Ruth.

-Bill Green—suffering from many health issues.

-Jean Compton—is recovering at home.

-Jerry and Jeanette Dyer—Jerry is having many challenges and is in steady decline, according to Hospice.

-Kenny Jones is in Ft. Sanders Regional, Rm 530. He is feeling much better after spending time in ICU at both LeConte and Ft. Sanders.

-Charles & Frances Copeland—newborn great granddaughter, **Madeline Grace Kirby**, is very ill with a genetic disorder.

-Clara Mayberry, one of our members who has been confined to home for a long time, is in PF Nursing Home.

-Little Wyatt Cox—doctors say there is nothing to worry about at this time.

Friends and Family News/Prayer Requests

-Rita Garrett—Niece's newly adopted special needs daughter, Jules, is improving! She still faces heart surgery in the future.

-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, stage 4 cancer—has three children. Prayers and cards requested. 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.

-James Jester, father of the Keyser's son-in-law, had brain surgery due to Parkinson's Disease.

-Ladies Bible Class: The ladies Bible class will meet Tuesday, April 4 at 10 a.m. Polly Cline will lead the study on "Hunger In My Soul."

Meetings: Men and Ladies meet today at 4:30 p.m.

Special Events

Men's Prayer Session
Monday mornings at 8:30

Sunday Adult Class
2 Timothy 1 —Al Behel

Wednesday Night Class
Danny Cline will lead our study

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 on 03/22/17 is **\$967,303.84** 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.