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The Book For All Seasons

At the 1939 World's Fair in New York City officials decided to bury a time capsule 50 feet deep on Long Island. Inside the capsule they placed over 100 items, including microfilm and pictures of contemporary life. Among the items was one full-size book. That book was a copy of the Bible. In explaining why they chose the Bible, one official said, "The Holy Bible, of all books familiar to us today, will most likely survive through the ages. Therefore, the Bible that we place in the capsule will be a sort of connecting link between the past, present and future."

The past, present, and future. The Bible is really a book for all seasons. It is timeless. Its message reaches from eternity past to eternity future. It is the best standard for living in the present. Its influence is unsurpassed in history. Its power to change lives is unequalled.

An ancient custom in Europe involved giving each mourner at a funeral a spray of Rosemary. This aromatic evergreen shrub with light blue flowers is often used in manufacturing perfumes or for seasoning of foods. Mourners would take the sprays home and plant them in their gardens as a sweet reminder of the person who was deceased.

God's Word is a "Rosemary" which serves to remind us of His eternal love. It is the Book of books. A message for all peoples of all times. A message from God. The only message He has given us about Himself and about us. It is life. It is truth. It is indestructible.

Clearly the psalmist captured the essence of God's message to man. "Thy Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105). It is completely dependable to guide us through life's toughest moments. It stops Satan in his tracks. "It is written" was the way Jesus answered Satan's temptations. If it worked for Him, it will work for us. Through His Word we are made holy. Through His Word we have life. Through His Word we have wisdom. And through His Word we see God.

—Al Behel

Welcome New Member: We are delighted to welcome **Cheryl McKerlie** into our fellowship. Cheryl moved to Pigeon Forge some years ago from California. She lives at 852 Monte Woods Circle, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863. Be sure to get to know this wonderful sister.

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—Now through March—pick up a bottle in the foyer and fill it with coins or GREEN. Also checks may be made out to this church and earmarked for Bottles of Love at any time. These funds assist the ladies in providing for the needs of 20 local newborns per month.

-Ladies Bible Class: The ladies Bible class will meet Tuesday, March 14 at 10 a.m. Polly Cline will lead the study on "Hunger In My Soul."

-The Special Combined Youth Class will meet in the fellowship hall and/or the teen room.

-Secret Sister Reveal and Potluck dinner will be on March 25th from noon to 2:00 p.m. Finally find out who she is!!

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

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

Sermon Topics: A.M. - "The Prints of the Nails" (John 20:19-31)
P.M. - "The Debtor's Prison"

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.

-Patty Adair recovering from shoulder surgery.

-Dan Elkins—ongoing back pain and other difficulties.

-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. The doctors said it has been there for over a year. Further tests are scheduled and treatment options will be considered. Please pray for Herman and Ruth.

-Bobby Gilbert—recovering well from his recent heart attack.

-Bill Green—suffering from many health issues.

-Jean Compton—is recovering at home.

-Jerry and Jeanette Dyer—Jerry is having many challenges and Jeanette has bronchitis and is continuing to recover from a broken hand

-Kenny Jones is in the PF Rehab Center, Room 219-A.

-Charles & Frances Copeland—newborn great granddaughter, **Madeleine 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 228-B.

-Larry Barnett—test results all good—sleep study next on the agenda.

Friends and Family News/Prayer Requests

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

-Cathy Haynes' mother, **Rosemary Spivey**, fell and had to have surgery—she is home but her left arm is in a lot of pain.

-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.

-Mariejane's brother-in-law—had his pinkie toe amputated last week—his leg responded well to treatment!

-Connie Clepper, Linda Behel's cousin, has a recurrence of mouth and neck cancer and is in critical condition at this time. Her address is: Connie Clepper, 2350 Fair Oaks Ct., Cumming, GA 30040

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 02/17/17 is **\$982,359.60** 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.