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Honor To Whom Honor Is Due

We honor the service of **Dan Elkins** who has faithfully served as one of the shepherds of our congregation from the beginning our eldership. Dan and Sheryle are dear to our hearts as they have been a central part of the growth of this congregation since the early 1990's. Dan asked to be relieved of his duties because of on-going health issues for himself and Sheryle.

We love and appreciate Dan and Sheryle for their love for our church family and their dedication to the will of God. They have raised two sons, one who is an elder and the other a deacon in the Lord's church. They enjoy being grandparents and have been models to them of Christian discipleship.

THANK YOU! Dan and Sheryle, for your service and leadership to the saints of God. We continue to pray for improved health for both of you and for many more years in God's kingdom on earth. You have touched thousands of lives over the years and are loved not only by members of our congregation, but also by visitors from across the country. We believe you will continue to be through your kind and gentle spirits.

Where's The Fire?

In a small eastern Kentucky town the local police chief also served as part of the volunteer fire department. One day the phone rang and the lady on the other end yelled, "Send the fire truck!" and hung up. The chief had no idea where to send the truck and just sat there. The phone rang two more times with the same woman yelling, "Send the fire truck!" Finally, the phone rang and the chief beat her to the punch and yelled, "Where's the fire?", to which the woman yelled back, "In the kitchen!" and hung up.

Insufficient information causes confusion. Much of the confusion in the religious word is due to a lack of biblical information. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth and the truth will make you free" (John 8:32). Without correct information we are not free and confusion results.

Paul instructed Timothy to "Study to show yourself approved unto God" (2 Tim. 2:15). There is no other way to really understand God's will. Study as if your eternal destiny depended on it...because it does!

—Al

-Deep Sympathy and prayers are offered on behalf of Jeanette Dyer in the death of her sister, Freda Ramsey, who passed away suddenly on Thursday in Nashville. Freda and Jeanette were very close and Freda was a primary helper to their mother. She will be greatly missed. Our love and compassion is extended to Jeanette and Jerry and to other members of Freda's family.

-Graduation Celebration will be May 7 following worship. This will be a potluck dinner and you are asked to sign the sheet in the lobby to indicate kind of dish you will bring. Graduates are: **Caroline Holliman** (SCHS), **Rachel Bailey** (SCHS), **Lydia Cantrell** (Tennessee Tech, Cookeville), **Josh Hawkes** (Home schooled), **Warren Dick** (Greeneville HS), **Samantha Sheffield** (EMT School at Walters State), **Ryan Bates** (SCHS), and **Lady Nwadike** (Spelman College, Atlanta). We appreciate our graduates. Come celebrate with us!

-Ladies Bible Class: The ladies Bible class will meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 10 a.m. Polly Cline will lead the study on "Hunger In My Soul."

The young men of our congregation will lead us in worship tonight. Please come and encourage them as they grow in service to God.

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

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

Sermon Topics: A.M.— "Renewing Our Minds" (Rom. 12:1-2; Col. 3:1-17)
P.M.— Young Men will lead worship

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—CT scan showed that her current treatment is not working. Her doctor is sending her profile off for evaluation of treatment options. Please pray for her and Dan.

-Dan Elkins has been battling several health issues, including bronchitis, sinus problems, and back and neck problems.

-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.

-Larry Barnett—is scheduled to see an oncologist on Monday to rule out Leukemia because of an extremely low platelet count. They lost a daughter to Leukemia in 2009 and are very concerned about his other symptoms. A diagnosis is expected soon. He is also scheduled for a sleep study on May 20..

-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 PF Rehab Center Rm 104 A—doing better

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

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, 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.

-Otis Hawkes' sister, Darlene Clark, is in critical condition in Colorado.

-Roger Thompson, Chris' son, has been having heart issues and had a cath last week in Kentucky.

-Meetings: Men and Ladies meetings will be today at 4:30 p.m.

Special Events

Men's Prayer Session
Monday mornings at 8:30

Sunday Adult Class
2 Timothy 1-2 —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.