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A Little Bit Of Honey

Joseph had been sold into slavery in Egypt and had risen to power and was currently second in command behind Pharaoh. A great famine has hit Canaan and Joseph's brothers had come to Egypt to get food. Joseph recognized them but they did not recognize Joseph. Joseph told his brothers that they would have to bring their younger brother, Benjamin, on their next trip or they would receive no food. Jacob, their father, was afraid for his youngest son to be away from him after having lost his favorite son, Joseph. He told his sons to take with them to Egypt a present, "a little balm, spices, myrrh, nuts, almonds, and a little bit of honey." (Genesis 43:11)

Life is always better if we take a little bit of honey with us. Honey represents a sweet nature, a kind heart, a pleasant manner. As we go through life, we should take a little bit of honey with us. Everything goes better with "a little bit of honey."

When tension is high, a little bit of honey makes it easier for us. In the business world, in school, in our homes...a little bit of honey makes it easier. When our responsibilities are heavy, a little honey lightens the load. Financial problems are real, yet fighting over them makes them harder to bear. Someone has suggest: "When you don't know what to do, just stand in the corner and smile and keep your mouth shut!"

When people misunderstand you, take a little bit of honey. It is easy to be misunderstood. A minister instructed the bride and groom to "clasp" hands, and the groom thought he said, said "clap your hands", so he started clapping. Paul was misunderstood when he wrote the first letter to the church at Thessalonica. He urged them to be ready for the return of the Lord. They thought Paul meant that the Lord was coming immediately. He had to write a second letter telling them to get back to work.

When you become successful or gain recognition from others, take a little bit of honey. Confucius said, "What the superior man seeks is in himself, but what the small man seeks is in others." Russell H. Conwell delivered his famous speech, "Acres of Diamonds" more than 5,000 times. In the speech he tells about a diamond hunter who went to Africa searching for those precious stones. He bought ten acres of land and built a little shack to live in while he searched Africa for diamonds. He never found diamonds. When he died, his friends decided to bury him on his ten acres. When they dug beneath the soil they discovered that his entire ten acres was under-laid with diamonds!

When you go through life fulfilling your goals and plans, take a little bit of honey. Learn to laugh...and to laugh at yourself. Solomon said, "Laughter does good like a medicine." Know when to laugh and when to cry, learn when to take things seriously and when to have fun.

Fill your speech and your life with a little bit of honey and you will find that relationships work better, life is easier, and your happiness is greatly enhanced.

—Al Behel

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO OUR MOMS!

-Ladies Bible Class: Our ladies Bible class is this Tuesday, May 16 at 10:00 A.M. after which we will go to Polly Cline's house for a luncheon. Everyone is encouraged to bring a salad to share. Come and enjoy the spiritual and physical feast with your sisters

Food Contact For Month: Patty Adair and Priscilla Dick

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

Sermon Topics: A.M.- "A Worthy Woman, Redeemed By Love (Prov. 31:10-31)
P.M.— "Things God Can't Do That I Can Do"

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. 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.

-Herman Byrne—several tumors inside the bladder 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 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 Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville

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

-Wyatt Cox, 3 year old son of Heather and Alan Cox, will have a heart cath at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital on June 2nd and open heart surgery is scheduled for June 20th.

-Lindsey Cuevar, Mrs. Rosa's daughter, is scheduled for ear surgery on Monday at Children's Hospital. Please keep her in your prayers.

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.

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

-B.W. Ausborn, from Fulton, MS.—his wife, Irene, has requested that we pray for B.W. as he undergoes a radical cystectomy for bladder cancer on May 24th.

-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.

-Wedding Tea for Mary Hayes and Andrew Schroeder-June 4th.

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

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.

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