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When We Worship

Man has always worshipped. Every culture and every nation has worshipped. Some have worshipped gods of stone, or animals, or the elements of nature. Others have lifted their hearts and thoughts far above the earth to the eternal God of Creation. The need to worship is as universal as man.

Why do we need to worship? There is a sense within us that Someone exists beyond us, Someone who is greater than we are, Who transcends time and space, and Who will always be. There is a need to touch that Someone, or perhaps be touched by Him. There is a need to know our roots, to understand our purpose and our destiny. There is a need to know our God.

Worship is the out-pouring of praise to the One we adore, the One who gives life to us and who sustains our own existence. Worship is our rational response to His actions on our behalf, and the natural response of our hearts to His love. We worship Him because our God is enormously great, infinitely wise, and incredibly gracious to us.

When we worship we are saying "Thank You!" to God for loving us, saving us, and giving us an eternal home. We are proclaiming our dependence on Him and acknowledging that "In Him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28)

—Al Behel

OTHER SICK AND NEWS

Sympathy To: Tom Elkins and his family in the death of his brother, **Hal Elkins**, who passed away in West Virginia. His funeral was on Thursday.

Sympathy To: Brenda Scott, in the death of her niece, **Nita Watern**. Her funeral was Saturday.

-**Jesse Cox**, Sue Hayes' nephew— T-boned by drunk driver in auto accident in Nashville and suffered serious injuries. He is a police officer. He is in a wheel chair and is healing faster than was predicted due to his youth and good health.

-**EEM Special Collection:** The special collection for Eastern European Missions last Sunday was \$2,191. Churches across the US are participating in an effort to raise \$2.3 Million to place Bibles in the schools of former Communist countries. If you were not able to contribute last Sunday you may still give your contribution to one of the elders or to Al and it will be forwarded to EEM. Checks can be made out to GSM Church of Christ and earmarked for EEM.

Picture Time

In order to make it easier to identify everyone and to meet a request by visitors, we are in the process of preparing a pictorial bulletin board in the hallway to the right of the front lobby. Bryan Kendrick, Marijane Hill, and Tracey Kihlberg will be taking pictures following morning and evening worship in the fellowship hall. Please sign the list in the front lobby to indicate the time you wish to have yours taken. Those unable to have one taken may submit a 4x6 print to be used. If you have questions please see Beth Hayes who is coordinating the project. Each picture will be mounted using an easy to use plastic sleeve allowing for convenient rearranging when changes need to be made.



Food Contact For Month: Patty Adair

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

Sermon Topics: A.M.—"For Such A Time As This" (Esther 4:10-17)

P.M.—"Attitudes: Part of the Problem or Part of The Solution?"

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.

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

-**Wyatt Cox** (age 3) —doing well following third open heart surgery.

-**Les Jewell** continuing to improve following a recent brainstem stroke.

-**Ron and Carolyn Sommerville**—keep praying.

-**Larry Valentine** received good news in his 3 year follow-up. Still no recurrence of cancer. We are very thankful.

-**Hubert Compton** is home and recovering from surgery to remove a lump from a gland under his jaw.

-**Charles & Frances Copeland**— 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.

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

-**Sara Mcpherson**, Melanie Tolliver's sister-in-law, is now home and doing better after complications following shoulder surgery Monday.

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

-Rick Cliett's niece, **Penny**—liver failure. She is doing a little better.

-Prayer request for **Tim Tolley**, Charlotte Jones' brother-in-law.

-**Craig Hux**, frequent visitor from Greeneville, has requested prayers for him as he faces surgery on October 31 in Greeneville.

Ladies Bible Class meets on first and third Tuesdays. Polly Cline is leading a study on "Hunger In My Soul-The Intentional God"

Baptistery Replacement: Tom Elkins is in the process of removing our old baptistery and replacing it with a new one due to continued leaks and dysfunction of the heater. The process will take a few weeks. Meanwhile, we have other arrangements for baptisms.

Grief Group-Patty Adair begins Oct. 5 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall for six weeks of two hour sessions—let Patty know if you are interested.

Men's and Ladies' Meetings today at 4:30.

Special Events

Men's Prayer Session
Monday mornings at 8:30

Sunday Adult Class
Titus 2 —Al Behel

Wednesday Night Class
"Sermon on the Mount"
Rick Cliett

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 09/15/17 is **\$937,556.96**. 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.