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The Bread of Angels

It seems to be human nature to complain. The grass does look greener on the other side of the fence. What we have isn't quite good enough; what others have must be better. Advertisers are good at convincing us that we could be happier and more fulfilled if we had whatever they are selling. Each Christmas the toy industry creates a "can't live without it" item which throws dads and moms into nervous jitters until they have one for their child.

This propensity toward dissatisfaction is not new. After being delivered from years of slavery and oppression in Egypt, Israel was on her way home. An entire nation of people was making their way across the massive wilderness toward Canaan. A few days into their journey they began to complain to Moses about the menu. In fact, they said they would rather be back in Egypt than to starve on the stuff they had to eat.

Sensitive to their grumbling, God sent to them Manna to eat in the morning, and Quail to eat in the evening. He instructed Moses to tell them that each time they gathered the Manna they would know that it was the Lord who delivered them from Egypt. Manna in the Morning! Quail at Night! For the next forty years that would be their menu.

The psalmist tells us that the Manna was the "Bread of Angels". Speaking of the Israelites, he said, "They willfully put God to the test by demanding the food they craved. They spoke against God, saying, 'Can God spread a table in the desert?'...When the Lord heard them He was very angry...for they did not believe in God or trust in His deliverance. Yet He gave a command to the skies above and opened the doors of the heavens; He rained down Manna for the people to eat, He gave them the grain of heaven. Men ate the bread of angels; He sent them all the food they could eat" (Psalm 78:18-24).

The Bread of Angels! Baked in heaven and delivered to a grumbling people. So they would know that He is God. Still, they continued to complain and grumble about one thing or another.

Jesus told His disciples when they were encouraging him to eat, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." Then He explained, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish His work" (John 4:32,34). Perhaps that, to us, is the bread of angels...to do God's will and finish His work. God's work is not finished until we do our part...then we will eat the bread of angels for eternity.

—Al Behel

Our Known Sick

- Dez Anderson**— is now at home. She is battling many health issues and is confined to home. Please keep her and Jim in your prayers.
- Sheryle Elkins**— has been transferred to Sevierville Rehab Center, room 101. The family is requesting no visitors at this time. Thank you for keeping her in your prayers. Also prayers for Dan as he struggles with his own health issues as well as Sheryle's.
- Bill Green**—suffering from many health issues.
- James Crowson** (who moved here from Florida several months ago) was hit head-on in a collision a few weeks ago. He suffered a broken bone in his neck and will be in a brace for 12 weeks. He is improving and looks forward to being back in worship soon.
- Ron Sommerville**—has been transferred to Parkwest Senior Behavioral Center, Room 105. He is scheduled to go home on Monday. Keep him and Carol in your prayers.
- Charles Copeland**—was released from the hospital on Monday and is at home here in Pigeon Forge. He is doing better.
- Kenny Jones**—has been transferred to Newport Rehab Center. Please keep him in prayer.
- Arden Bowman** had an artery blockage and received a stent on Tuesday. He is home and doing well.
- Shannon Wade** suffered a light heart attack due to a blocked artery. He received a stent on Wednesday and is now at home doing well.
- Charles & Frances Copeland**- great granddaughter, **Madeline Grace Kirby**, is very ill with a genetic disorder.

Friends and Family News/Prayer Requests

- 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.
- Rick Cliett's niece, **Penny**—is doing a little better.
- Prayer request for **Tim Tolley**, Charlotte Jones' brother-in-law.
- Lauren Meier's son, Hunter**, suffered an injury. His address is 3378 Boogertown Rd, Sevierville, TN 37876.
- Craig Hux**, frequent visitor from Greeneville, released from hospital
- Cason Barnett** asked us to remember his 3rd grade friend at school, Vinny (8 years old), who is suffering from a lung disease.
- Eric Behel**, Al's nephew, has been released from the hospital.

Other News and Sick:



- Wedding Shower:** for Lydia Cantrell and Devon Suttles immediately after morning worship on November 19. Everyone (men and women) is invited to stay for the shower. A signup sheet is in the lobby so we can know how many will be attending. They are registered at Amazon and Walmart.
- Trisha Hayes**—prayers for safe delivery of her and Travis' baby boy on November 29. Kenny and Beth Hayes are Travis's parents.
- Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class: There will be no class on November 21. The final class for 2017 will be December 5th.
- Holiday Party:** Mark your calendars for December 2 at 6:00 p.m.
- Cookie Exchange-Ladies:** December 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Tracey Kilberg's home.
- Baptistry:** Thanks to **Tom Elkins**, new baptistry installation is complete.

Have You Had Your Picture Made?



If you haven't had your picture made, please go to the fellowship hall after worship. Bryan and Beth will meet you and take your picture and get your information for the picture board and directory.

Food Contact For Month: Beth Hayes, back up Ginny Cliett

Elder Contact for Month: Rick Cliett (865-789-9619)

Sermon Topics: A.M.—"Old Testament Stories: Back To Moriah" Gen. 22:1-19
 P.M.— "Religiousness and Righteousness" - Danny Cline

Interpreter for deaf and hearing impaired available for AM and PM worship

Sunday Adult Class

Titus 2 —Al Behel

Wednesday Night Class

"Sermon on the Mount" -Rick Cliett

Ladies-1st, 3rd Tuesdays, 10AM

"Hunger In My Soul: I Will Be Your God, You Will Be My People" - Polly Cline

Men's Prayer Session

Mondays—8:30 AM

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 10/15/17 is **\$931,107.49**. 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