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Is There Life "Out There"?

Planetary scientists have discovered that some mysterious source is heating up (-261 degrees Fahrenheit) the southern pole of Saturn's moon Enceladus, triggering pressurized water ice that is spewing like a geyser hundreds of miles into space. This discovery has spawned lots of speculation and discussion about whether there is life "out there." What will this say about the origin of life on earth? If there is water, is there life? If there is life "out there" does that mean we all crawled out of the ocean?

Well, there *is* life "out there!" It has always been there and will always be there. He is the one who set the stars in the sky, placed every planet in its place, and determined the dimensions of the universe. If scientists should find micro-organisms "out there" they would merely confirm that our God transcends time and space and that His actions are not limited to what we see and understand.

The power of creation is in the power of God's Word. He spoke the worlds into existence. The mystery of creation includes many metaphysical elements which we do not understand any more than we understand the changes which occurred in the bread and fish used to feed the 5,000 followers of Jesus. Faith is evidence based but it can never be limited by what we see.

The good news is that our God is "out there" and He is "down here" with us. His name is still Emmanuel, or "God with us." When we see the evidence of what God has done in past history, and as scientists discover more of his handiwork in present, it should impress on us how awesome our God really is and it should move us to make disciples for the glorious eternity He has prepared for us in the future.


The heavens still declare the glory of God.

—Al Behel

Other News

We extend a warm welcome to our newest member, **Barbara Hammock**, who lives off Wears Valley Road. Her address will be posted next week.

GSM Church of Christ Ladies Day
March 24
RSVP 865-640-1736

 **Bottles of Love—Help The Newborns and School Clothing Drive:** This wonderful fund is going from now until the last Sunday in March. Please pick up your bottle and fill it with coins or green stuff so we can provide blankets and clothing for newborns at LeConte Hospital and assist the local schools with clothes for children in need.

Winter Quarter 2018!

(January 7th through March 25th)

The Good, the Bad, and the VERY Bad!

Prophets & Kings of the Northern Kingdom of Israel

Don't miss a single Sunday!

For Grades K –Teens Sundays from 9:30 a.m.-10:20 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall TEAM TEACHING WITH THE TEENS Bible Skits, Puppet Shows, Songs, Games, & Activities! Adult Teachers: Mark Haynes & Marc & Sue Hayes

Food Contact For Month: Esther Stewart and Pricilla Dick

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

Sermon Topics: A.M.— "Contending For the Faith: The Inspiration of the Bible"
(Jude 3-5; Heb. 4:12; 1 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 2:20-21)
P.M.— "A Divided Heart"

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

Our Known Sick

-Dez Anderson— is home and will be receiving in-home health care. She is having a hard time. Please keep praying for her and Jim.

-Sheryle and Dan Elkins— now living in Franklin and are slowly improving. Their address is: 870 Oak Meadow Dr., Apt. #3405, Franklin, TN 37064. Both really need our prayers.

-Bill Green—suffering from many health issues.

-James Crowson (who moved here from Florida several months ago) was hit head-on in a collision. He suffered a broken bone in his neck. He is improving and looks forward to being back in worship soon.

-Linda Valentine is now at home and doing much better. She will be required to stay on oxygen 24 hours a day.

-Doug Hill is now at home after spending to weeks at UT Medical Center for treatment of Cellulitis. He also was experiencing some internal blood loss and has been receiving treatment for that.

-Abby Haynes, (Hunter's wife) is battling a very serious case of Lyme Disease. Keep her in prayer.

-Bill Shirley (DeEtte's husband) - diagnosed with cancer in his right lung. He is now on hospice. Keep Bill and DeEtte in prayer.

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

Friends and Family News/Prayer Requests

-Connie Randolph, friend of Esther and Skip, began a 28 day radiation treatment on Feb. 14. She lives in Indiana.

-Rosemary Spivy, mother of Cathy Haynes, is scheduled for a mastectomy for cancer on February 28. Please keep her in prayer.

-Keeley Chambers, Shirley Harmon's granddaughter, in Quantico, VA is being treated for several issues, including some heart issues, immune disorder, among others. She is to see another cardiologist and endocrinologist. Shirley has been with her since Thanksgiving. Cards may be sent to Keely to: Jared Chambers, For: Keely Chambers, 13404 Windrich St., Quantico, VA 22134-4202.

--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, Tolliver's 35 year old niece-battling breast cancer.

Church Directory App: Please see Mark Haynes or Marti Cantrell for assistance. Changes or corrections can be emailed to Linda Behel or Haynes at lbehel@ix.netcom.com or m47haynes@gmail.com. We are currently experiencing problems which should be corrected soon.

+See bulletin board in foyer or check email for additional prayer needs

Sunday Adult Class
Philemon —Al Behel

Wednesday Night Class
Danny Cline is leading our study

Ladies-Bible class-1st/3rd Tues.
"Hunger In My Soul: I Will Be Your God, You Will Be My People"
Polly Cline will lead the study.

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 02/16/18 is **\$908,076.29**. 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.