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Honor The Face Of The Old Man

"You shall rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man, and you shall fear your God: I am the Lord" (Leviticus 19:32)

Growing old has mixed blessings. For many it means loneliness and isolation, failing health, and reduced income. The years have taken away the sense of purpose and usefulness. Now, few ask their advice or seek their company. Few stop to say "hello."

For others, growing old is a time of reflection and dignity. There is a sense of accomplishment and acceptance. Loved ones are near and dear. Time together is pleasant and meaningful. For them, the passing years bring pleasure and purpose.

Growing old in the church should be surrounded with honor and grace as the wisdom gleaned from past experiences lighten the path of those who follow. Old people in the church are not a burden, but a blessing. Their place is carved in years of faithful service and devotion with many battles fought and won for the Kingdom.

Our churches have grown and prospered because of the sacrifices and vision of those whose eyes are now dim. Those ears that now sport hearing aids have heard the deepest cries of lost mankind and responded with hearts that were full of the Spirit of God.

When Moses told us to rise up before the hoary (gray) head and honor the face of the old man, he was not telling us to pretend that we like gray hair and wrinkles. He is telling us to honor those lives for the example they have set and those heads because of the wisdom they have acquired over the years. He is telling us to give praise to those who deserve praise...to lift up those hands that are now physically weak but which once bore the weight of many souls. He is telling us to see the vision they have seen and capture the mission they have set before us.

—Al Behel

Other News

-Rick and Ginny will be moving on Monday to Boerne, TX. They will be deeply missed. Their temporary address while building their house will be: 821 RV Park, 33300 US Hwy 281 N. #38, Bulverde, TX 37163. Their cell phone numbers will remain the same.

Congregational Singing Tonight

Join us at 6 p.m. for a period of congregational singing as we blend out voices in praise to our Father. All song leaders are urged to be present.

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

Food Contact For Month: Linda Valentine and Polly Cline

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

Sermon Topics: A.M.—"Learning The Hard Way" (Luke 15:11-24)
P.M.—Congregational Singing—

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— address is: 870 Oak Meadow Dr., Apt. #3405, Franklin, TN 37064. Both really need our prayers.

-Bill Green—suffering from many health issues.

-Donna Walker will be evaluated further for some spots in her lungs. Prayers are appreciated.

-Madison Barnett is scheduled to go back to Vanderbilt for tests on April 19

-Helen Barnett is scheduled for overnight bladder surgery on April 4th at UT Hospital.

-James Crowson—recovering from a severe neck injury sustained in an auto accident in October. He was able to come to worship a couple of weeks ago. Keep praying for a full recovery.

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

-Janette Dyer facing several medical procedures and foot surgery.

Friends and Family News/Prayer Requests

-Leah's daughter, Lyda, is scheduled for a partial hysterectomy on March 19. She has a growth that is expected to be benign.

-Keeley Chambers, Shirley Harmon's granddaughter, in Quanco, VA is being treated for several issues. Cards may be sent to Keely to: Jared Chambers, For: Keely Chambers, 13404 Windrich St., Quantico, VA 22134-4202.

-Jessica Anderson, niece of the Tollivers, is battling breast cancer.

-Connie Randolph, friend of Esther and Skip, being treated with radiation. She lives in Indiana.

-Elizabeth Pailey, Sue Hayes' niece, recovering from mastectomy.

Other News

-Food Drive— last day for Tennessee Children's Home East: Please bring your food items and put them in the container in the mail foyer. The drive goes ends today.

Bottles of Love—to help newborns at LeConte and clothing for needy children— ends today. Please turn in your money or write a check to the church earmarked "Bottles of Love."

News for inclusion in bulletin should be sent to Al (865-250-10830 or Linda (865-310-0719).

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

Building Fund

Loan balance on 03/14/18 is **\$903,290.03**. 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.

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

CDs and DVDs of Sermons are available free at sound booth. Also available on the website at: www.greatsmokymountainschurchofchrist.com.