

NEWSLINE

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“God Ain’t Done With Me Yet”

A little boy was being criticized for his belief and trust in God. The critic said to him, “Why would a good God make an ugly boy like you?” The boy thought for a moment and said, “Well, to tell you the truth Mister, God ain’t done with me yet.”

Do you ever feel like there’s something missing? That you haven’t fully arrived? Maybe that’s true. Maybe God is still working on you. Maybe He has better things in store for you. New heights you have never reached. New challenges you have never conquered. God “ain’t done” with you yet.

Most of us would quickly admit to our imperfections. We know we are sinners and fall short of God’s glory. For some of us the imperfections are more obvious and the failures are more glaring than for others. Still, we all miss the mark. No matter how hard we try we seem to never reach the summit.

The Christian life is a process. Perfection is not ours in this life, but we continue to move toward that goal and celebrate with each other the progress we make in overcoming Satan and becoming more like Jesus. As the beloved apostle said, “We are being transformed into His image, from one degree of glory to another” (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Our created image was shattered when man first sinned. God wanted us to be like Him, so He created us in His likeness. But sin destroyed that image. Broken by sin, our created image could only be restored by One equal to God. Through Jesus we now recapture our original purpose and identity. We are re-made in His image.

How are you responding to God’s work in your life? Are you allowing Him to fashion you into His likeness? Only you can decide if God is “done with you.”

—Al

Other News

-**Carl Naylor**, who worships with us periodically while working in our area leading white-water rafting groups, is suffering from Covid. He was very ill but reports that he is on the mend. Carl means a lot those those of us who know him. He requests our prayers

-**Rick Cliett** underwent surgery for bladder cancer. The tumor was more serious than expected. He is scheduled to see the oncologist next Thursday. He is expecting more surgery and probably chemo/radiation Please pray fervently for Rick and Ginny. They are deeply loved by our congregation.

-**Raja**, our missionary in India, has been very ill and his wife, Rajitha, was extremely ill with Covid 19. She appears to be on the mend at this time. Please continue to pray for Raja’s family and all our church family in India.

-**Karen Ferguson**, friend of Phil and Carolyn Collier and frequent visitors with us, is suffering from an evolving hemorrhage in the brain.

-**Pris Dick**-continuing treatment for cancer. Prayers continue for her and Gary.

-**Mark Haynes**-prayers as he awaits esophageal test results.

Online Worship: Online worship will continue for those who are not able to attend in-person worship. Also, the online Bible class is still offered. You may access these through www.greatsmokymountainschurchofchrist.com.

Our Known Sick

-**Don Mayhall**— still needs our prayers. His condition is fairly stable.

-**Hubert Compton**—confined to home with health issues.

-**June McGowen**, is in Pigeon Forge Nursing Home. Her condition has deteriorated significantly over the past few months.

-**Jeanette Dyer** is struggling with several health issues.

-**Linda Valentine**— battling cancer.

-**Anna Ruth Franklin**— Prayers for several health issues.

Friends and Family News/Prayer Requests

-**Carolyn Yates’ daughter, Linda Wolf**, - battling cancer

-**Tracey’s mom, Judy Pitt**, is continuing to improve slowly following her colon cancer surgery. Please keep Judy, Ron, Tracey, and their family in prayer. Her address is: Judy Pitt, 313 Monticello Rd., Franklin, TN 37064

-**Treavor Hayes**, 7 year old grandson of Marc and Sue is receiving treatment through a port which has been installed to make his treatment easier. He has a tumor on optic nerve. Please keep hm in prayer.

-**Prayers requested for the daughter and brother of Linda Boyers.** Linda has joined our online worship and Wednesday night Bible class for many months. Her daughter, Stephanie, is battling Melanoma and her brother is dealing with heart issues. He is doing better.

-**Jan Luft**, sister of some of George and Melanie’s best friends in Michigan (Jim and Kim), is not doing well. Chemo has been stopped. Please keep her in your prayers.

-**Chris Heathcox**, brother-in-law of Bryan and Beth, is suffering from pancreatic cancer. This is a hard time for him and his wife, Bena. Please keep Chris and Bena in your prayers along with their children.

-**George Tolliver’s sister, Mossie Simpson**, is battling COPD. She is staying with her son. Prayers still needed.

Sunday AM Bible Class-9:30 am

“The Church in the Beginning-Acts” (Al Behel)

Wednesday Night Bible Class-7 pm

“Colossians” (Danny Cline)

Ladies Bible Class

Not meeting during summer months through July

Teen Bible Class

Sunday and Wednesday - (Jacob Forman)

Current Building Loan Balance

\$689,858.37

Additional Contributions Appreciated

OPEN FOR ALL SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 am

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Please join us as we re-open all services

Scripture Sermon

“Be not afraid when one becomes rich, when the glory of his house increases. For when he dies he will carry nothing away; his glory will not go down with him” (Psalm 49.16).

in turned to his younger brother and said,
Food Contact For Month: Tracey Kilberg

Elder Contact for Month: Mark Haynes (865-805-2293)

Sermon Topic: A.M—“Great Women of the Bible—Mary Magdalene” (Al)

Evening Worship: The Great Invitation, Gospel of John Series

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