

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### Someone Is Following You

*"...leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps" (1 Peter 2:21)*

One of my favorite childhood memories involves the times I followed my dad through the plowed fields on the farm. It was difficult for little feet to walk through the loose soil or step over the huge clods of dirt left by the plows. After stumbling a few times I soon learned that if I walked behind him and placed my feet directly into his tracks I could maneuver the fields just fine. I always enjoyed walking in his steps.

A generation later I was walking through the hall of my home and looked around to see my own son carefully placing his feet directly into my tracks. He also wanted to be like his dad. The awareness that my own son was walking in my steps brought me to my knees before God.

Scripture instructs parents to bring their children up *"in the discipline and admonition of the Lord"* (Ephesians 6:4). Believers are taught to be examples to unbelievers. Strong Christians are to create models for weaker Christians. The apostle Paul tells us that *"none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself"* (Romans 14:7). Our influence is either positive or negative on everyone we meet.

A special responsibility rests upon moms and dads to provide godly examples of faith and devotion. Your children are not likely to rise above your level of commitment as a parent. If you pray, they are more likely to pray. If you hold God's Word close to your heart, they are more likely to turn to Scripture for guidance. If you neglect worship and Bible study, they are more likely to follow in your steps.

The time to begin is before birth as you set your own heart to serve God. When we bring children into the world we accept them as a trust from God to nurture, develop, and guide their hearts toward heaven. No other goal is as important; no other task so sacred as to be examples to our children in word, conduct, and faith. The formative years pass quickly and the clay becomes hardened and may never be reshaped.

— Al Behel

### Other Prayer Needs

**Jan Messick** is continuing to do well in her recovery from lung cancer. We are thankful to God that no trace of the cancer is left.

**Betty Langdon**, Ginny Cliett's sister, is now at home.

**Rose Parker**, daughter-in-law of Ray and Faye Parker from Hatton, Alabama is suffering from leukemia. Ray and Faye will be spending a lot of time in Pigeon Forge.

**Jennifer Fulk**, 39 year old daughter of Billy and Barbara Helms (frequent visitors from Milton, FL) has a recurrence of cancer.

**Afghanistan**—Bryan Darilek, Major, U.S. Army, in a 9 month deployment. He is the son-in-law of Rick and Ginny Cliett and husband of Laura. Woody Chambers, cousin of Rick Cliett, is also deployed.

**Sympathy:** To Skip Stewart in the death of his sister, Hazel Torrence, who passed away on Wednesday. The funeral was Saturday in PA. Please keep Skip and Esther in prayer.

### VBS

Mark your calendars for June 7-8 for our Vacation Bible School. This will be an exciting time for our youth to learn about God and have meaningful time with other children. Plan to participate.

### Sunday Adult Bible Class The Holy Spirit

Next Book of The Month Meeting—April 30, 7-9 pm  
Book: Ezekiel I and Hosea

### 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

### Our Known Sick

**Dez Anderson**—MS and several other health problems. She has been having increasing difficulty in recent weeks. Please keep her in prayer. Cards are appropriate and encouraging.

**Johnny Bryan**—continues to need our prayers.

**Debby Bryan**—battling cancer.

**Clara Mayberry**—at home.

**Christopher Howell**, 23 year-old son of Phil and Terrie Howell and grandson of the Littletons, - spinal cord injuries in an auto accident

Brenda Scott's sisters, **Arania Blount**, is improving in Dayton, OH. Also, another sister, **Janice Wells**, is needing our continued prayers.

**Coleen Thomason's** mother is in Ben Atchley Veteran's Home.

**Angie Daimwood** is in Memory Care, Rm. 401, Wellington Place.

**Bill England** has bone cancer and needs our continued prayers.

**Regen Morris**, 11 year old student at Phi Beta Phi (son of Dan and Tisha Morris) is back at home but still battling cancer.

**Andrea Weddington** is battling cervical cancer. She is waiting to begin radiation and possibly chemotherapy.

### Building Fund

Loan balance as of 02/15/13 is **\$1,214,158.20**. Extra contributions to reduce the loan debt are needed and appreciated. Envelopes are available in the pew.

### 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](http://www.greatsmokymountainschurchofchrist.com).

**Mark Your Calendars: October 4-6—Brad Harrub** will be with us for a weekend series on Creation/Evolution and related topics. This is an opportunity to reach out to our community.

**Kenny Jones:** is in Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center, Rm 489b, at Ft. Sanders Regional Medical Center. Kenny is recovering from a stroke and some seizure activity. He misses everyone and thanks you for your prayers.

**Roy Shannon**, friend of the Keyzers, in serious condition at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville.

**Sadie Crochet**, 6 month old great granddaughter of Clara Leonard (frequent visitor from LA) is scheduled for brain surgery on April 25. Keep praying.

**Libby and Larry Gilley**, friends of **Dwight Grizzell**, needs our prayers. Libby has a recurrence of breast cancer which has metastasized in her abdomen. The Gilleys have been close friends of Dwight's for many years. They live in Chattanooga.

**Sermon Topics:** A.M.—*"Our Unshakable Faith, No. 13—"One World Under God"*; P.M.—*Special Guest Speaker: Rick Cliett, Skyped from Malaysia.*