

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### Heart To Heart

“...love one another sincerely from the heart” (1 Peter 1:22)

We like being with people we love and who love us. The loneliness of separation creates an emptiness which is hard to fill. Distance, either real or imagined, can be painful. Waiting, hoping, and searching for something to fill the void can consume us. We grieve the loss of loved ones...maybe for a lifetime.

Almost daily I sit with people who are experiencing the brokenness that comes from losing a relationship...either through breakups, distance, or death. Children and adults alike suffer from broken hearts. Eulogies don't fill empty chairs.

Being with someone with whom there is no heart connection is still a lonely experience. Churches and families suffer from a lack of heart-felt love. Loneliness may even intensify and our shared experiences lose their meaning when love is not real. Singing “What A Fellowship!”, or “Blest Be The Tie That Binds” doesn't fill the void between unloving hearts.

When our hearts are connected we share a mutual commitment to each other's well-being, needs, and interests. We rejoice in good times and weep with each other in bad times. The bond between us is deep and decisively strong. We want to share our deepest thoughts and feelings. We commit to common goals.

Loving from the heart guarantees the sincerity of our promises. Those who lightly speak of love or whose love is self-centered can shift their devotion easily to others with some new experience or opportunity. Those who love from the heart never stop loving...in good times or bad.

God's love is sincere. He never stops loving, even when we are distant from Him. He is always there...waiting for us to return, celebrating when we come home.

— Al Behel

### Other Prayer Needs

**Jan Messick** had a good report last week. 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.

**Sheila Watson**, mother of Ryan Watson (one of our teens), has been treated for kidney failure

**Redford Walter Knoth**, newborn Dave and Rita Garrett, has been hospitalized in Denver with reflux. His mother also had surgery. Rita is returning to Denver today to help with the children.

**Max Elkins**, Tom's brother, has been ill in WV.

### VBS

Mark your calendars for **June 7-8** for our Vacation Bible School.

### Sunday Adult Bible Class

*The Holy Spirit*

### Next Book of The Month Meeting—June 4, 7-9 pm

Book: Jeremiah

### 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.

**Coleen Thomason's mother** has moved to a different facility.

**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.

**Meetings:** Men & Ladies will meet today 4 p.m.

### Building Fund

Loan balance as of 02/15/13 is **\$1,211,285.50** 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 a tremendous opportunity to reach out to our neighbors. The decision to bring Dr. Harrub was made after our budget was set and the elders are suggesting that we make individual pledges to cover the expense (approx. \$4-5,000).

**Chris Thompson** had knee surgery recently. She developed an infection a few days ago. Keep her in your prayers.

**Al's niece, Robin McCollum**, suffering from a malignant brain tumor which has now involved other organs. Please pray for Robin, Tim, and their sons.

**Peggy McCollum**, another one of Al's nieces, also is battling cancer. Please keep her and Wade in your prayers.

**Shelby Daniels**, a medical technologist in the Livingston Medical Clinic (where Al practices) was diagnosed three weeks ago with an aggressive brain tumor. Please keep Shelby and her family in your prayers. She is a Christian.

**Roy Shannon**, friend of the Keyzers, is in serious condition in Nashville.

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

**Libby and Larry Gilley**, friends of **Dwight Grizzell**, - she has breast cancer.

**Sermon Topics:** A.M.—“Our Unshakable Faith, No. 16—“Mercy and Judgment— Remember Lot's Wife”; P.M.—“Great Stories of the Bible—“Gideon and A Few Good Men”