

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### Hatred, A Cancer In The Heart

A few days ago I was visiting with a man whose heart was bitter toward someone who had done him wrong. He said, "Oh, I pray for him. I pray that he will go to heaven...today!" For months he has been consumed with anger toward someone who had treated him exactly as he had treated others.

Hatred consumes. Unresolved anger eats away at the heart of man. In a will written in 1935, a Mr. Donahoe expressed his long standing resentment for his daughters. He wrote: "Unto my two daughters, Frances Marie and Denise Victoria, by reason of their unfilial attitude toward a doting father, . . . I leave the sum of \$1.00 to each and a father's curse. May their lives be fraught with misery, unhappiness, and poignant sorrow. May their deaths be soon and of a lingering malignant and torturous nature." Then he adds the most vicious line of all, "May their souls rest in hell and suffer the torments of the condemned for eternity."

Two Christians in my home community had a "falling out." One had apparently wronged the other either in words or actions. The man who was offended left their congregation and attended another a few miles away. On his death-bed, the offender asked my father to request the man whom he had hurt to come to him so he could ask forgiveness. The man who had been hurt had carried resentment in his heart for so long that he refused to go, saying, "Let him come to me! I'm not the one who did wrong!"

What a contrast to the love God has for us. Although man had been disobedient, insolent, arrogantly flying in the face of his loving grace for centuries, he sent his only Son to lift the burden of our sin. He didn't wait for us to come begging for salvation. He came to us. He took our sins upon himself and died for us while we were still sinners.

When others do us wrong we should be quick to forgive. The heart that is filled with the Spirit of God has no room for hatred or resentment. The words of the apostle of love should serves as a constant reminder to us, "If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen."

God will not dwell in us as long as we have hatred or resentment for others in our hearts. There is no room for him.

— Al Behel

**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.

**International Dinner Tonight:** We will have an international dinner fellowship following worship tonight. Please plan to attend and bring your favorite international dish.

**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.

**Thanks:** To Herb Byrd and Mark Haynes for speaking last Sunday in my absence. I really enjoyed visiting with the West Hobbs Street congregation in Athens, AL Sunday through Wednesday. We had excellent attendance, two baptisms and one restoration. Many of their members visit with us often.

**Sermon Topics:** A.M.—"Our Unshakable Faith, No. 6—The Consequences of Sin"; P.M.—"Great Stories of the Bible: King Saul"

### Other Prayer Needs

**Jan Messick** received good news regarding her PET scan—NO TRACE OF CANCER LEFT. Keep praying!

Sue Hayes' sister-in-law, **Jane Huffard**, received a very good report on her health condition!

**Helen Costner**, sister of Polly Pack—continuing to improve

**Betty Langdon**, Ginny Cliett's sister, is now in rehab following shoulder surgery.

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

**Deb Elkins** recovering at home following knee replacement.

**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.

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

**Bottles of Love:** pick up your baby bottle in foyer and fill it with silver or GREEN. Money allows ladies of the congregation to assist newborns at local hospital. Return bottles by Mar. 17.

**Sunday Adult Bible Class**  
*The Holy Spirit*

**Next Book of The Month Meeting—Feb. 26, 7-9 pm**  
Book: Amos

### 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 auto accident.

Brenda Scott's sister, **Aranian Blount**, is improving following stomach surgery in Dayton, OH.

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

**Bill England** received news that he has NO BONE CANCER! We rejoice with Bill and Pat and will keep praying for his results.

**Regen Morris**, 11 year old student at Phi Beta Phi (son of Dan and Tisha Morris) is in St. Judes' in Memphis with brain cancer.

**Rick Cliett:** I spoke with Rick by Skype yesterday. He sends greetings from Malaysia. He will be in Paris next week.

**Joe Bostick** hospitalized in Greenville, TX with a serious heart problem.

### Building Fund

Loan balance as of 01/15/13 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).