

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### Numbering Our Days

“...teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom” (Psa. 90:12)

Some of the greatest works of history were performed by people who would normally be considered too old to accomplish much. Grandma Moses was still painting at 100 years of age. Winston Churchill wrote *A History of the English-Speaking Peoples* at 82. Arthur Rubinstein gave one of his greatest recitals at Carnegie Hall when he was 89. George Bernard Shaw was still writing plays at 94.

The Bible speaks of Caleb who drove the Anakites out of Canaan at 85 years of age (Joshua 14:6-15). Moses led God’s people until he was 120. Their mission was always ahead of them.

David prayed for the ability to “number” our days so we can get a heart of wisdom. Obviously, David was not speaking of numerical counting of each day. He was speaking of our ability to use each day to its fullest in God’s service, to make each day really count. By living each day wisely we accumulate wisdom for the next day...and for life.

Leviticus 19:32 says, “*Thou shalt rise up before the hoary (grey) head and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God. I am the LORD*”. God commands that the elderly be given honor because of their wisdom. We honor the grey head because of what those heads represent.

Many of us enjoy being scrapbook Christians who look back at the “good-ole-days” when we really accomplished things. We must not forget that being a Christian is like riding a bicycle...either we go *on* or we go *off*. We cannot sit still. Our mission is still in front of us. The big question is not, “what did you do in the past?,” but, “*what are you doing now?*”

Age brings many changes. We may have limited resources and restricted mobility. Our mission may change with the passing years but new challenges come each day. We may not be able to get in the trenches and dig the ditch, but we can pray for those using the shovels. There may be more time to write an encouraging note, or make an uplifting phone call. A cup of cold water goes a long way.

The psalmist emphasized the brevity of life and the wisdom of making the most of time. We are where we are because of those who have gone before us. We give honor to those who have sacrificed much and have left us a long history of martyrs, men and women who never stopped serving even in the face of hardship and death.

How do you fill your days? If you could number the days you have left on earth would you use them differently? Are you looking back to the past memories or are you looking forward to new accomplishments in God’s service?

— 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. Our members are asked to select topics of interest and return them to Gary Dick or one of the elders by March 20.

**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. 8—“What We Learn From Cain & Abel”*”; P.M.—“*Great Stories of the Bible: King David*”

### Other Prayer Needs

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

**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 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.

**Bob Klingerman** (Al & Linda’s son-in-law’s father) is in Shannondale Rehab Center with complications from a fall. He has Parkinson’s and is struggling a great deal.

**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—Mar. 26, 7-9 pm**  
Book: Ezekiel

### 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 sister, **Arania Blount**, is improving following stomach surgery in Dayton, OH.

**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 in St. Judes’ in Memphis with brain cancer.

**Deb Elkins** is recovering from knee surgery.

**Tina Yates** was hospitalized this week with a bleeding ulcer. She is now at home.

### 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)