

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### Convicted!

A man was getting into his car to go to church one Sunday morning. His neighbor was loading his golf clubs into his car next door. The neighbor called across their yard, "Henry, Go play golf with me today!" Henry replied, "I always go to church on the Lord's Day." His neighbor paused a moment and said, "Henry, I admire your devotion to your church. But, I've invited you to play golf with me several times and you have declined. You have never invited me to go to church with you." Oh! How that stings!

We invite our friends to dinner, to come over for cook-outs, to play golf or other sports, but do we invite them to share with us the most important experience of our week? Do they get the message that we love the church more than we love other commitments and relationships? Or, could it be that the Father's business is not really that important to us?

The mission of Jesus was to bring lost souls to the Kingdom of God. He began his ministry calling all men to repent for the sake of the Kingdom. The lost of the world were on his mind and in his heart every waking minute. Once he said, "I did not come to call the righteous, but sinner to repentance" (Matthew 9:13).

Getting together with friends is natural and desirable. We should use every opportunity to let God live through us in showing love and compassion to those around us. Jesus had friends and he spent time with them. I am convinced that he knew how to have a good time, laugh, celebrate special occasions, visit in homes, and chat about current events. Our friends are a significant part of our lives and we should enjoy our time with them.

Our deeper love for those around us should lead us to be concerned for their eternal life, not just their physical or social well-being. Good friends enjoy the moment together, but look beyond the moment to the things that really matter.

— Al Behel

### Other Church Family News Events

**Mark Your Calendars: October 4-6—Brad Harrub** will be with us for a weekend series on Creation/Evolution and related topics. Dr. Harrub is a scientist who specializes in Christian apologetics. This is a tremendous opportunity to reach out to our neighbors. Guests are asked to take some post cards or a flyer from the foyer back to your congregation. We hope you will plan to attend. This series would be of special benefit to your students who are being challenged by theories that are designed to discourage faith in God.



Following is the seminar schedule:

Friday—7 p.m.—Atheism's Attack on America

Saturday—6 p.m.—Can We Prove God Exists?

Was Darwin Wrong?

Sunday—9:30 a.m.—Jesus on Trial in 2013

10:30 a.m.—Faith for Life

1:30 p.m.—Value of Human Life

**Sermon Topics Today:** A.M.—"In My Father's House, No. 9—In My Father's House We Enjoy The Grace of Giving"; P.M.—Rick Cliett (Skype from Malaysia) - "Priest, Levite, or Samaritan?"

### Our Known Sick

**Dez Anderson**—multiple health issues, including MS

**Andrea Weddington**—cervical cancer. Keep praying for her as she is receiving radiation and chemotherapy.

**Jan Messick**—still cancer free

**Bill England**—cancer. Has had to stop chemotherapy because of an allergic reaction. Will receive other medications.

**Betty Graves**—diagnosed with cancer

**Joe Bostick** now at home in Texas after having a LVAD (Left Ventricular Assist Device) installed to assist a failed heart.

**Debby Bryan**—Cancer; **Johnny Bryan**—health issues; **Clara Mayberry**—confined to home.

**Kathy May** recovering at home in Baxter following pneumonia and heart issues.

**Cathy Haynes** is recovering from broken ankle and injured knee.

**Larry Valentine**—crushed his right heel and fractured his right ankle from step-ladder fall. He will be required to wear a boot for three months and keep weight off his foot and ankle.

**Heather Cox**—Awaiting test results on unborn baby's heart.

### Friends and Family

**Christopher Howell** (grandson of the Littletons—spinal cord injuries suffered in automobile accident), **Arania Blount** (Brenda Scott's sister)—cancer markers have increased, **Betty Langdon** (Ginny Cliett's sister—mental confusion issues), **Rose Parker** (daughter-in-law of Ray & Faye Parker—suffering from Leukemia), **Robin McCollum and Peggy McCollum** (Al's nieces—both battling cancer), **Shelby Daniels** (medical technologist in clinic with Al—recovering from brain surgery), **Libby and Larry Gilley** (friends of Dwight Grizzell—she has breast cancer); Sue Mercer's sister, **Connie Browning**, is being treated for breast cancer; Beverly Finnell's grandson, **Liam Finnell**, is having health issues. **Susie Cliett**, Rick's sister-in-law (brother Kenny's wife), has terminal lung cancer.

**Afghanistan—Major Bryan Darilek**, U.S. Army, in a 9 month deployment. He is the son-in-law of Rick and Ginny Cliett and husband of Laura. He is scheduled to return home within 60 days. Please pray for his safety.

**Rise & Shine**—Every Sunday morning at 9:15. Kids—join us for singing, puppets, and stories.

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

**Next Book of The Month Meeting—July 30, 7-9 pm**  
Book: Lamentations

### 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

### Building Fund

Loan balance as of 05/19/13 is **\$1,206,186.91**. 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).