

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### He Knows My Name

Mass media and music gives us a false sense of identification with those around us. We have distorted views of them, believing that we know them even if we have never met them. Informationally our world is small. But real intimacy isn't created through repeated exposure by television, movies, computers, or facebook.

To really know another and to be known by them is a unique experience. Many people know who we are, but do they really know us? Do they know our inner thoughts and feelings, our hopes and dreams, our successes and failures? Do they know the struggles that occur deep inside us?

Moses must have stopped in his tracks when God told him, "I know you by name" (Exodus 33:17). The fact that the God of all creation would pay attention to one man in a tiny part of the world was an awesome thought. God knew him individually, personally, and completely.

God knows you and me by name. He knows the intentions of our hearts and the desires that are deep in our souls. He knows our biggest weaknesses and how to buffer us for success. He knows how to lift us up when we fall.

God is a God you can count on for the long haul...He lets you sit quietly with Him and share your most intimate and revealing thoughts. He stays when others have left you alone. He knows your hurts and fears...and He knows when you try to love but can't seem to make it last. He knows when you want to give up.

God knows us because He is our Father. Jesus, His Son, came down to us and became our Friend who discloses to us the nature of God's heart. His love for us is balanced with His hatred of sin and His determination to give us a way to defeat its effects in our lives. He really knows us and He is always there for us. — Al Behel

**SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY FOR BIBLES:** A second collection will be taken today to assist in the purchase of Bible for schools in the Ukraine.

**Elder Contact for Month:** Jim Anderson at 865-924-1067

### 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 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

**Today's Sermon Topics:** A.M.—"Would You Carry A Pallet?"; P.M.—Teens will conduct worship. Hunter Callon will speak.

Interpreter for deaf and hearing impaired available for AM and PM worship

### Our Known Sick

- Dez Anderson**—multiple health issues, including MS
- Jan Messick**—waiting results of her scan.
- Joyce Keyser**—waiting results of knee MRI.
- Andrea Weddington**—treated for cervical cancer and received a report from her medical team that she is tumor free.
- Bill England**—is battling cancer. He is currently receiving oral chemotherapy. We pray for positive results for our brother.
- Debby Bryan**—Cancer; **Johnny Bryan**—health issues.
- Clara Mayberry**—broken arm suffered in a recent fall.
- Kathy May** recovering at home in Baxter. You can send her a card at P.O. Box 465, Baxter, TN 38544-0463.
- Larry Valentine**—recovering from a fall and broken ankle.
- Heather Cox**—unborn child-heart issues. Surgery will be required.

### 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), **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; **Sara Teel**, daughter of Robin Roberts, is dealing with several health issues; Rick Cliett's 90 year old aunt **Doris Chambers** is recovering from multiple broken bones in her leg suffered from a fall while getting ready for church in Texas; Michael Cliett's girlfriend's mother, **Paula Ramos**, suffering from breast cancer; Tom Elkins' sister-in-law, **Joyce Elkins**, cancer surgery & auto accident. Patty Adair's son-in-law's mother, **Robin Bell**, very serious surgery for ruptured blood vessels in her stomach; **Roy Lafollette**, father of Scott, Seth, and Sonja, had triple bypass surgery on Friday. He is in U.T. Hospital.

**Congratulations!** Marti Cantrell received her Ph.D. in Education recently from the University of Tennessee.

**Ladies:** Ladies Bible Study will meet October 1 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. See Sue Hayes for study sheets.

### Adult Bible Class

**"Rejoicing In The Lord"**  
A Study in Philippians

**Rise & Shine:** Sundays, 9:15

### School Clothing Drive

Mark checks "School Clothing" & leave at sound booth.

### 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 08/01/13 is **\$1,190,654.23**. 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).