

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### Run, And Don't Look Back!

My grandchildren want to hear stories from my childhood. One of their favorites, which they have requested over and over again, involves my being chased by a herd of cattle. I had decided to take a short-cut home through my neighbor's pasture with my dogs by my side. Suddenly my dogs decided it would be fun to take on the entire herd of some 60-70 cows. They barked fearlessly and made threatening moves toward the herd.

After a few minutes of putting up with their barking, the entire herd decided to chase the unwanted guests out of their pasture. Since I was the only human around my dogs ran directly to me as if they thought a twelve-year old boy could protect them from a herd of cattle. It didn't require much thought for me to assess the situation and conclude that I was in deep trouble. I ran as fast as my boyish legs would take me toward the fence a quarter-mile away with my dogs chasing me and the cows chasing the dogs. Arriving at the fence I threw my dogs over first and climbed it myself to the safety of the other side. When the herd finally stopped they seemed to be smiling in victory at their success in ridding their domain of their tantalizing intruders.

Sometimes we have to run to a place of safety...a place where sin cannot threaten, where Satan trembles in fear. We are told in Scripture to resist Satan and he will flee from us (James 4:7). Our enemy flees when we run from him into the presence of Jesus. Our faith in Jesus becomes a protective barrier which Satan cannot cross.

There was no room for negotiation with the pursuing herd of cattle. And there is no room for negotiation with Satan. There is no time to look back. Fleeing him requires every effort that our minds and bodies can produce. Our eyes must stay fixed on our Savior if we expect Him to save us from danger. When we look back we don't see a threatening enemy. Instead, we see the world's attractions and the pleasures he has to offer us. We see a promise of a happier life, greater fun, more friends, and endless entertainment. We don't see the heartache, the pain, and the ugly results of being trampled by this dreadful foe.

In the presence of Jesus we can find strength to stand firm. We can find guidance to the nearest route of escape when Satan pursues us. We can find a fortress against his destructive weapons. When we run toward Jesus, Satan runs away from us. He trembles at the mention of the name of Jesus...a name which is above every name. A name before which every knee will bow and every tongue will confess...the name of *Jesus!* Satan knew Him before the world began...and he still knows Him. He has not forgotten. He will *never* forget. When we whisper His name in confident faith, Satan will turn back in fear.

—Al Behel

**Christmas Party:** Is scheduled for Saturday, December 7 at 6 p.m. Sign up in the front foyer to indicate what you will bring. Meat will be furnished.

**Rick Cliett** will be home from Malaysia next Saturday night. He will speak for us on Sunday evening. He will have to return to Malaysia for a few months.

**John Jenkins** slipped on is stairs a few days ago and suffered a severe knee injury. He will have an MRI later this week.

**Sara Teal**, daughter or Robin Roberts, battling kidney stones.

**Elder Contact for Month:** Marc Hayes; Phone No. 1-731-608-4148

*Sermon Topics: A.M.—"The Greatest Commandment"; P.M. —"Talking To Others About Jesus" No. 5.*

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

### Our Known Sick

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

**Bill England**—still battling cancer and artery problems in his leg.

**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.

**Joyce Keyser** is recovering from knee surgery.

**Brenda Scott**—recovering from knee surgery.

**Herman Byrne** has been dealing with a mass on his jaw.

**Wyatt Cox**, newborn infant of Heather and Alan Cox, was released from Vanderbilt Children's Hospital on Wednesday following heart surgery. Their home address is: 3334 Oma Lee Dr., Sevierville, TN 37876.

**Kenny Jones** is in Rm. 518 at U.T. Medical Center following a fall in which he suffered head trauma and bleeding on the brain. He is expected to be released early this week.

### Friends and Family

**Christopher Howell** (grandson of the Littletons-spinal cord injuries suffered in automobile accident), **Aranía 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; 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—more surgery is planned for December 10 with radiation to follow; Tom Elkins' sister-in-law, **Joyce Elkins**, cancer surgery & auto accident; Rick Cliett's brother, Ken Cliett, is battling Ascites and kidney failure. He is hospitalized in Louisiana. **Mark Baker**, brother-in-law of Coleen Thomason, dealing with complications from abnormal blood vessels in the brain. **Chad Roberts** needs our prayers.

**MEETINGS TODAY:** Men and Ladies will meet today at 4 pm

### Adult Bible Class

*"Rejoicing In The Lord"*

A Study in Philippians

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

### Ladies' Bible Study

Every first and third Tuesday in fellowship hall.

### 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 11/01/13 is **\$1,176,850.95**. 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).