

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### Get Out Of Bed!

"Get up! You'll be late for school!", the mother said. "I'm not going to school today", the son replied. "You have to go", the mother reponded. She continued, "Give me three good reasons you are not going", she continued. He said, "Well, the students hate me, the teachers hate me, and I'm tired of school! So, give me three good reasons I have to go." The mother looked at him and said, "First, this is Monday; second, you are 57 years old; and third, you're the principal!"

We all have those days. We want to sleep in, check out for a while, or just get away from the pressure of things. Jesus felt the same way and availed himself of opportunities to rest and recuperate. Yet, he always knew that his mission was in front of him and that he could not "check out" or quit. He would continue until he could say, "It is finished!"

There are times for rest and relaxation. Times for getting away and refreshing our bodies and spirits. Yet, there are some things from which we can never step back or avoid. Our worship is a time of spiritual renewal and a time of uplifting. It is a time for pouring out our hearts to God in praise and adoration. It is also a time when God meets us and we receive blessings from Him. It is not an optional part of our schedules from which we can take a break.

Jesus God was often wearied by the crowds. But he never stepped back for long. He was back in the trenches responding to the hurts of others and touching hearts with God's redemptive story of grace.

— Al Behel

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### 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.—"The Old Rugged Cross"; P.M.—"A Little Man With a Big Faith"

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

### Our Known Sick

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

**Andrea Weddington**—has been treated for cervical cancer and received a report from her medical team that she is tumor free.

**Jan Messick**—still cancer free

**Bill England**—is battling cancer. He is currently receiving oral chemotherapy. We pray for positive results for our brother.

**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**—broken arm suffered in a recent fall.

**Kathy May** recovering at home in Baxter.

**Larry Valentine**—crushed his right heel and fractured his right ankle from step-ladder fall. Will wear a boot for 3 months.

**Heather Cox**—received unfortunate news about her unborn baby's heart condition. After birth he will need to be transferred to Vanderbilt for stabilization followed by surgery soon afterward.

### 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.

**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 soon. Please pray for his safety.

**Building Loan:** We recently refinanced our church building loan as scheduled. The total funds collected from donations (members, visitors, & friends) to date is **\$772,589.26**. Thank you for your generous support. Our current loan balance is **\$1,196,917.80**.

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

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

**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 **\$1,196,917.80**. 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)