

NEWSLINE

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“Go Out And Do Like He Done!”

“My speech and my preaching were not in persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power” (I Cor. 3:4)

Several years ago I read a letter which reportedly was sent by a newly-hired traveling salesman to his boss. The letter revealed that the salesman was virtually illiterate. He wrote:

“I seen this outfit who aint got a dimes worth of nothing from us and sole them sum goods.”

Before he could be fired a second letter arrived. It was just as illiterate. It read:

“I come to Chicawgo and sole them half a millyon”

The sales manager dumped the problem into the president’s lap. The next day the staff was amazed to see the salesman’s letters on the bulletin board, with this memo:

“We ben spending two much time tryin to spel insted of tryin to sell. I want everybody should read these letters from Gooch, who is doin a grate job, and should go out and do like he done!”

The apostle Paul was a brilliant man who considered his speech to be “of no account”. Sometimes we worry more about appearances than about our mission. God does not depend on human wisdom or charisma; He depends on devotion to the task.

The Spirit of God shines through our weaknesses. God has chosen the foolish things of our world to put to shame those who are wise and the weak things to bring down the strong (I Cor. 1:20-31). The message of the cross does not need eloquence of speech. It needs men and women who have decided “to know nothing...except Jesus Christ and him crucified” (1 Cor. 2:2).

— Al Behel

Other News/Sick:

Baptism: We are delighted to welcome **Linda Goodnight** to our fellowship. Linda was baptized into Christ last Sunday evening. She had been studying with several of our ladies and attending services with us for some time. Linda resides at 1944 Chesea Jo Lane, Sevierville, TN 37876.

Sympathy To: **Esther Stewart** in the death of her sister Florence, who passed away this week in Florida. Esther was able to visit with her recently.

Shawn Molloy, frequent visitor and local optometrist, had hip surgery and is facing other surgeries. His wife’s name is Darlene. His home address which is 339 Happy Trails Way, Sevierville, TN 37862. Your prayers are requested.

Rick Cliett—We are happy him home from Malaysia for a few weeks.

Honduras: Steve & Donna Dick just returned from visiting the congregation in La Esperanza, Honduras. The purpose of their visit was to represent our congregation in providing encouragement to this wonderful group of Christians and to do an assessment of the needs and challenges they face. The GSM church helps sponsor the work in La Eperanza. We look forward to hearing more about Steve and Donna’s visit.

Elder Contact for Month: Jim Anderson, Phone No. 924-1067

Sermon Topics: A.M.—“Giving God Our Best, No. 2”; P.M.—“At Home In The Psalms”

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

Our Known Sick

Dez Anderson— It was so good to see Dez back with us in worship. She continues to battle multiple health issues and her activity level is very limited. Keep praying...God is listening and answering.

Ron Sommerville had to delay nerve block surgery because of low heart rate.

Clara Mayberry—still confined to home.

Kathy May –ill in Baxter. You can send her a card at P.O. Box 465, Baxter, TN 38544-0463.

Tom Elkins - recovering from a shatter heel suffered in a fall.

Larry Valentine –has received his last scheduled chemotherapy but has been battling a cold. Keep praying for his full recovery.

Wyatt Cox, is continuing to recover from heart surgery.

Angie Daimwood –Room 136 at Wellspring, the new assisted living facility near Wellington Place and LeConte Medical Center.

Friends and Family

Jim Smith, brother of Shirley Harmon, was critically injured in a fall from his attic onto concrete. He has been released from the trauma center and is making significant improvement.

Christopher Howell (grandson of the Littletons-spinal cord injuries suffered in automobile accident).

Robin McCollum and Peggy McCollum (Al’s nieces-battling cancer). Robin’s mother is also very ill and is requiring hospice.

Sue Mercer’s sister, **Connie Browning**, breast cancer.

Rick Cliett’s brother, **Ken Cliett**, is battling Ascites and kidney failure. He has been moved to a nursing facility close to his children.

Leah’s neighbor’s (Miss Rose) son –in-law, Jimmy Lee, is being treated for brain cancer.

Jerry Ellison, Brenda Scott’s brother-in-law, failing lungs with no further treatment available.

Al’s brother, Tom Behel, is improving significantly. He is now able to eat, walk with minimal assistance, and has attended church six times.

Madison Stanley, seven year old granddaughter of friends of the Clietts –stage 4 cancer—undergoing aggressive chemo and radiation.

Gayle Raines, a frequent visitor and minister, is suffering from Stage 4 cancer of the jaw. Please keep him in prayer.

Carol Fromke, wife of Vince Fromke, M.D. (one of Al’s associates), is much better. Thank you for your prayers. Cards may be sent to Carol at Livingston Clinic, 500 West Main Street, Livingston, TN 38570.

Sunday Bible Study

Colossians

Rise & Shine: Sundays, 9:15

Paul Huston, son-in-law of Gary and Priscilla Dick, deployed to Egypt for one year. Prayers appreciated.

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 07/01/14 is **\$1,135,918.29**. 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.