

NEWSLINE

Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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Love's Silent Language

A little boy rushed in as his father was busy with paperwork and said, "Dad! You are 55 years old and I am going to give you 55 kisses!" As he started delivering kisses all over his dad's face, he was suddenly pushed back by the father, who said, "Stop! Don't do that now! I'm busy!" Tears welled up his the child's eyes as he silently walked away. Later that day, the father came to his son and said, "You can finish the kisses now." The boy didn't move.

A short time later the boy was the victim of accidental drowning. The father later wrote these words, "If only I could tell him how much I regret my thoughtless words, and could be assured that he knows how much my heart is aching."

Deep wounds are made in the heart when loves' actions are rejected. We know too well the pain that results when acts of kindness and sacrifices of love are ignored or cast aside. Love speaks its own language which goes deeper than words and elicits responses from the heart. Our love for God is responsive love. Yet, many of us are too busy or too occupied with self-interests to receive His love. Once received, we want to share it. The apostle John said it clearly: "We love because He first loved us". Love's voice will ultimately be heard.

— Al Behel

Other News/Sick:

Jerry and Jeanette Dyer—keep in prayer as they travel to Australia where they will be encouraging the church.

Honduras Project: We are raising funds (\$2500) to build a second bathroom in the church building in La Esperanza. Donations may be made out to the GSM church and earmarked for Honduras.

Debbie Little, mother of one of Marti's students, has been in ICU for several weeks following a brain aneurysm rupture and was moved to a step-down floor this week. Michael is a 4th grader who is very scared for his mom. His dad expressed a desire that we keep Debbie, Michael, and the family in prayer. Debbie's sister passed away in Florida this week of cancer.

Tyler Behel, Al's nephew, has been re-deployed to Afghanistan. Prayers are requested for him and his wife and child as he is away.

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

Special Sunday Seminars: Brad Harrub, Ph. D. will be our guest speaker today. Brad is a scientist who specializes in Christian apologetics. He holds a Ph. D. in Anatomy and Neurobiology from the University of Tennessee Medical School. He is also the Executive Director of Focus Press and Co-Editor of *Think Magazine*. He will be speaking 4 times:



9:30 — "The Scientific Accuracy of the Bible"

10:30 — "Have We Missed The First Step—
The Fear of the Lord"

2:30 — "Help For Hurting Families"

6:00 — "Evil, Pain, and Suffering"

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

Sermon Topics: See above announcement. All sessions will be on the GSM website at: www.greatsmokymountainschurchofchrist.com.

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

Our Known Sick

Dez Anderson— continues to battle multiple health issues and her activity level is very limited. Keep praying...God is listening and answering.

Sheryle Elkins has completed chemotherapy and radiation for Adenocarcinoma (lung cancer). A CT scan is scheduled for 11/7 to determine if there is anything new. A PET scan in 3 months should show if the treatments were successful. Please keep praying for our sister. Her address is: 1383 Lake Front Drive, Dandridge, TN 37725.

Bill Greene underwent gallbladder surgery on Friday. He also has pneumonia and a urinary tract infection. He has been very ill and was placed in ICU at LeConte. Please keep Bill in your prayers.

Andrea Weddington is home with Lymphedema and blood clots in her leg. Her address is: 201 Clear Point Lane, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863.

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.

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

Friends and Family

Shawn Molloy and wife Barbara—back with us after Shawn's extensive recovery from surgery.

Judy Lassetter's sister, Linda, diagnosed with colon cancer.

Jim Dickson (he and Barbara have worked at Dollywood and worshipped with us several years) has a recurrence of lung cancer and is being treated with chemotherapy. Keep them in prayer.

Scottie Elkins, Tom and Deb's grandson, is still awaiting tests to determine if he has MS. Prayers are requested for him.

Christopher Howell—grandson of the Littletons—spinal cord injuries.

Robin McCollum and Peggy McCollum (Al's nieces—battling cancer). 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.

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

Al's brother, Tom Behel, - improving; his speech is still limited.

Madison Stanley, seven year old granddaughter of friends of the Clietts—has completed chemotherapy and is in complete remission.

Raja Vijay Kumar Vundurthi (India missionary) reports that his father is improving from GB Syndrome. Keep praying for him.

Sunday Bible Study

Colossians

Rise & Shine: Sundays, 9:15

Ladies Bible Class

Has resumed meeting on Tuesdays in the 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 10/04/14 is **\$1,119,940.56**. 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.