

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### The Secret of Staying Young

Don't you love it when someone says, "My, you haven't aged a bit!"? That just makes our day. I have always been impressed with people who refuse to let the passing years age their hearts. There is a secret which they have found and use. The secret is this: "To stay youthful, stay useful!"

Many studies have shown that the feeling of uselessness is crippling and leads to an early death. Feeling needed and significant are key to longevity. If you want to make a difference don't sit on the sideline. Stay active, both physically and mentally.

Many people in history learned the secret. At 100 years of age, Grandma Moses was still painting. George Barnard Shaw wrote a play at 94. Arthur Rubinstein performed a great recital at 89 in Carnegie Hall. Winston Churchill wrote *A History of the English-Speaking Peoples* at 82.

Moses was leading the people Israel until he was 120 and was succeeded by Caleb, who accepted the task of leading the people into the land of Canaan when he was 85. Both of these men knew that God was their source of strength, even in old age.

To keep going well beyond the appointed years (Psalm 90:10), one must develop and maintain an attitude of service while young. If you see your life's mission as being accomplished when you reach retirement age, you will miss out on much of the glory of old age. All the wisdom gained, processed through countless life experiences, equip you to become more useful than ever before in new areas of service...if you believe God is not done with you. God's service needs older saints just as much as younger Christians.

\_\_\_ Al Behel

**Congratulations!  
To Our  
Graduates**

#### Honoring Our Graduates

We extend our congratulations to five of our youth who are graduating high school this year. We honor the following graduates:

**Sevier Co. High**—Hunter Haynes, Hunter Callon, Abigail Lee, Caleb Bremer

**Pigeon Forge High**—Scott Lafollette

**Come and celebrate tonight with Pot Luck Dinner**

#### Other News/Sick:

**Carol Fromke**, wife of Vince Fromke, M.D. (one of Al's associates), diagnosed with advanced lung cancer. Cards may be sent to Carol at Livingston Clinic, 500 West Main Street, Livingston, TN 38570.

**Sympathy:** Continue to remember Priscilla and her family in prayer in the recent loss of her brother, **Kenneth Williams**, former professor at ACU.

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

**Graduation Celebration:** We will honor our graduating seniors tonight, following the evening worship. This will be a POT-LUCK dinner. Please come, bring plenty of food, and enjoy the celebration!

**Elder Contact for Month:** Dan Elkins, Phone No. 865-548-9852

*Sermon Topics: A.M.—"Jesus Christ, No Ordinary Man—What He Didn't Do and Didn't Say"; P.M.—"At Home In The Psalms-The Lord Is My Shepherd"*

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

### Our Known Sick

**Dez Anderson**—suffers from many health conditions. She has recently battled blood clots and internal bleeding but is at home slowly improving.

**Ron Sommerville**—lots of pain as he recovers from back surgery.

**Deb Elkins**—difficulty stabilizing medications for anxiety.

**Bill England**—his cancer markers are low. We rejoice with him.

**Debby Bryan**—battling cancer at home. She is not doing well at this time. Keep praying.

**Johnny Bryan**—was released from the hospital and is now at home.

**Clara Mayberry**—still confined to home.

**DeEtte Alexander**—battling an infection.

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

**Larry Valentine**—began chemo on March 24

**Wyatt Cox**, infant son of Heather and Alan Cox—recovering from his second heart surgery. Home address: 3334 Oma Lee Dr., Sevierville, TN 37876.

**Angie Daimwood**—suffering agitation due to advancing dementia. She is back in Wellington Place.

#### Friends and Family

Dan and Sheryle Elkins—daughter-in-law's (Regina) mother, **Ila Jenkins**, recovering from a stroke.

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

**Arania Blount** (Brenda Scott's sister)—battling cancer and is now receiving hospice.

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

Sue Mercer's sister, **Connie Browning**, treated for breast cancer.

Rick Cliett's brother, **Ken Cliett**, is battling Ascites and kidney failure.

**Mark Baker**, brother-in-law of Coleen Thomason, dealing with complications from abnormal blood vessels in the brain.

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.

Al's brother, **Tom Behel**, recovering from hip surgery and stroke.

**Sue Hayes' sister, Joyce**—she fell and broke her hip

**Madison Stanley**, granddaughter (age 7) Cliett's friends—stage 3 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.

#### Sunday Adult Bible Study

*"Rejoicing In the Lord"*

A Study in Philippians

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

#### LADIES CLASS

May 20—Patty Adair's Home

*"Apples of Gold"*

#### 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 05/01/14 is **\$1,146,072.68**. 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).