

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### "The Debt Of Love I Owe"

Do you often reflect on the sacrifices which others have made for your "unalienable" rights? We have numerous holidays which commemorate the lives lost and the price paid for our freedoms, but sometimes the real reason for those holidays is lost in the celebrations and good times with friends and relatives.

Some of the signers of the Declaration of Independence suffered tremendous losses following that historic day. One such person was Richard Stockton, whose father founded what is now known as Princeton University. He was a prominent lawyer and wealthy landowner. Because of his support of the war he and his family had to flee their home and he was imprisoned by the British. He suffered severe treatment and loss of health. Few people remember this American hero.

Our freedom from oppression has been secured by the blood of many Americans. For that we remain deeply grateful. Still, a greater freedom was secured by blood which we can easily take for granted. That was the blood of Jesus Christ, who not only died for us, but he died in our place. He paid a debt we could not pay. Our gratitude compels us to sing the words of Isaac Watts,

*But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe:  
Here, Lord, I give myself away—  
'Tis all that I can do! —Watts*

As followers of Christ let us "stand fast...in the liberty by which Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1). Each Lord's Day we remember that sacrifice around His Table.

— Al Behel

### Other News/Sick:

**Baptism: Bryson Hill** was baptized into Christ last Sunday evening. Bryson is the son of Doug and Mariejane Hill. Our thanks to his parents and to many wonderful teachers who have taught and studied with Bryson. We welcome our new brother.

**Tom Elkins** suffered a shattered heel in a fall. His doctor hopes to treat him without surgery. Keep Tom in prayer.

**Johnny Bryan** is at home. He is suffering from lung failure. Johnny's wife, Debby, just passed away a few weeks ago. Keep this family in your prayers.

**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** will be returning from Malaysia tonight. He is coming home early because of his brother's failing health and will be here through their son's wedding in August.

**Honduras: Steve & Donna Dick** will be leaving for Honduras on July 16. If you would like to contribute to the needs of the church in La Esperanza please do so today. Checks can be made out to GSM, designated for Honduras. Cash may be given to one of the elders or to Ray Slate.

**Bibles for Ukraine:** Parking donations for Bibles was \$1001.25. Thanks to all who helped Marc park cars for the July 4th events and to those who gave.

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

*Sermon Topics: A.M.—"Picking Up The Sword"; P.M.—"At Home In The Psalms—Wisdom for the Aging"*

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.

**Marti Cantrell** had gallbladder surgery on Tuesday and is recovering well. Keep her in prayer.

**Carolyn Yates** was hospitalized earlier this week with possibly a mini stroke. She is now home.

**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.

**Larry Valentine**—has received his last scheduled chemotherapy and he hopes to be back with us very soon. Keep praying for his full recovery.

**Wyatt Cox**, infant son of Heather and Alan Cox, has been battling an infection. He 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 is in the trauma center in Memphis and has required multiple surgeries and a feeding tube.

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

**Robin McCollum and Peggy McCollum** (Al's nieces-battling cancer). Sue Mercer's sister, **Connie Browning**, breast cancer.

**Ester Stewart's sister** is in need of our prayers.

Rick Cliett's brother, **Ken Cliett**, is battling Ascites and kidney failure. His condition has been deteriorating; however, the last few days he has felt slightly better.

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), received good reports from her cancer treatments. She thanks 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 06/02/14 is **\$1,140,411.50**. 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)