

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### What Are You Giving Your Children?

A primary school teacher had just given a lesson on magnets. In a follow-up test one of the questions read, "My name starts with "M", has six letters, and I pick up things. What am I?" One little boy answered, "MOTHER!"

I have never heard anyone say on their death-bed, "I wish I had spent more time at the office." But, I have heard many say, "I wish I had spent more time with my children." How much time do you spend with your children? You say, "Well, I'm home every night and weekend. They can see me as much as they want."

Many parents spend time at home but are emotionally and physically inaccessible to their children. Their eyes are glued to television or they are preoccupied with housework or tomorrow's schedule. In one study, researchers placed hidden microphones on toddlers and found that a group of well-educated fathers actually spoke to their children an average of 37 seconds per day. Those same fathers spent three to four hours watching TV.

What things in your day are most important to your child? Cleaning house? Doing the laundry? Closing a business deal? Or, is it the time you spend clearly focused on your child's needs, interests, and development? Where do spiritual activities fit? How important do you consider your involvement in church to be to his or her life? How important is your prayer life?

The kids don't really care about how much "stuff" we have. A famous author recalled that as a child one of the most memorable days of his life was when his businessman father took a whole day off work and took him fishing. He described that as the best day of his life. His father kept a detailed diary every day of his adult life. When a historian went back and took a look at the father's diary, he discovered the following entry about that day: "Went fishing with my son. Day wasted." This father never knew what was really important to his son.

Are you giving your children what they really need?

— Al Behel

#### Other News:

**-Sympathy to Brenda and Doug Scott** in the death of their brother-in-law, Jerry Ellison, who passed away Friday morning. Funeral will be in Middlesboro, KY, but plans have not been finalized.

**-Donna Walker** fell on the ice on Monday and severely injured her knee. She will need replacement surgery.

**-Randy Messick**, Jan's son, is battling liver cancer. He lives in Winston Salem, NC. Please keep him, his family, and Jan in your prayers.

Shirley Harmon's granddaughter, **Keely**, had extensive knee surgery last surgery and has experienced a severe allergic reaction and a bacterial infection. Keep her in your prayers. Also, Shirley's friend, **Bob Foust**, had hip surgery. He frequently attends services with Shirley.

**Food Contact For Month:** Linda Goodnight. Contact her if you wish to

**Elder Contact for Month:** Rick Cliett. Phone: 865-789-9619

*Sermon Topics: A.M. - "Watch Out For The Little Guy"; P.M. - "Lessons From Revelation: Patmos and Beyond"-No. 4- The Compromising Church*

**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**—battling lung cancer. Had a PET scan recently that indicates the tumor continues to shrink. Keep praying. Her address is: 1383 Lake Front Drive, Dandridge, TN 37725.

**-Polly Cline** has macular degeneration in both eyes, requiring shots in her right eye. Let's keep her in prayer that her left eye will stabilize.

**-Estlina Wilson** is battling blood clots in her leg.

**-Bill Greene**—good to have him back with us.

**-Hubert and Jean Compton**—Hubert recovering from a fall and Jean battling heart issues.

**-Cody Kihlberg**—doing much better and back with us.

**-Francis Laney** suffered a stroke Friday evening in North Carolina. No further details at this time.

**-Pauline Swallows**-has colon cancer. Please pray.

**-Bill England**-began radiation treatment for bone cancer on Tuesday.

### Friends and Family News

**-Mary Wagner**, sister of Tina Yates, is facing radiation treatment for cancer. She lives in Arlington, TX.

**-Mrs. Florence Tolliver** is in Ft. Sanders Nursing Home, Rm 172. Her daughter, Rita Taylor from Kodak, has been visiting with us.

**-Scotty Elkins**, Tom and Deb's grandson, waiting results of liver tests

**-Christopher Howell**-grandson of the Littletons-spinal cord injuries.

**-Tom Behel**, Al's brother - slowly improving from post-operative stroke and broken femur. Still having minimal speech.

**-Debbie Little**, mother of one of Marti's students, is recovering from a brain aneurysm rupture. The family appreciates your prayers and cards. Their address is: Debbie, Randy, Michael, & Katie Little, 4152 Briggs Loop, Kodak, TN 37764. Please drop a note.

**-Morris Fields**, Leah Turner's uncle, is now home and will be seeing a cardiologist& pulmonologist soon. Home health is assisting him.

**-Barbara Copley**, friend of Bill England and Sheryle Elkins—cancer.

### Exploring The Life of Joseph

*K-Teen, Winter Sunday School Fellowship Hall—9:30 a.m. Teens as Teacher's Aids Mark Haynes, Director*

#### Adult Class

*Colossians—Al Behel*

### 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 02/05/15 is **\$1,097,710.52**. 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).