

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### A Culture of Change

Change is inevitable. It happens whether we want it to or not. It happens whether we are prepared for it or not. Change is the nature of living things. An egg must change to become a bird; a caterpillar must change to become a butterfly.

But, sometimes change is threatening and difficult. Especially if we resist it. Or, if we fear it. Winston Churchill once said, "To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often." Without change we are stuck where we are.

God wants us to change. Repentance is a change of direction. The new birth is about change. Christian growth is positive change into a greater likeness of Jesus. These changes are within our range of choices.

Cultural change is especially challenging for Christians and for the church as a whole. We cannot prevent it; we can embrace it and relate to it in ways that speak to the culture without losing our identity or unique message. Culture provides no answers to our ills and culture will not fix itself.

Scripture tells us that, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8). He will never change and his message will never change. Importantly, the needs of man will never change. If we offer the world a cultural message it will not save. If we offer the world a modified gospel it is no gospel at all. Only Christ is Savior. There will be no other.

We must relate to the culture but must not be defined by the culture. We live in a forever Kingdom that cannot be destroyed.

— Al Behel

### Other News:

**-Sympathy To: Jan Messick**, in the death of her son, Randy, who passed away on Thursday morning. His funeral will be Monday morning in Clayton, NC. Our prayers are with Jan and her family.

**-Jim Anderson** fell down a steep embankment recently and broke his right wrist. A pin had to be installed. He is still having significant difficulty with the pin and cast. Dez' blood pressure condition improved over the past week.

**-Ginny Cliett** had extensive back surgery on Friday. Her recovery will take some time and she will be away for awhile. Please keep her in prayer.

**-Bryan Kendrick** had a heart cath Friday and the cardiologist found a 90% blockage in an artery. He had a stent installed and is progressing well.

**-Al Finnell** was diagnosed with a heart attack which he suffered a few weeks ago. He will have additional tests to determine severity of his heart condition.

**-Skip Stewart** had a stent implanted in an artery in his leg this week. He is doing well.

**-Ron Sommerville** is preparing for more back procedures.

**-Ben Lachica**, Marijane's father, is improving at home in the Philippines.

**-Donna Walker's sister** - very serious condition with congestive heart failure, kidney and liver issues.

**Food Contact For Month:** Priscilla Dick. Contact her if you wish to help.

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

*Sermon Topics: A.M - "Lessons from 2 Samuel: God Means What He Says"; P.M. - "Patmos and Beyond-No. 8- Worthy Is The Lamb" Revelation 4 & 5*

**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 resumed chemotherapy after her PET scan revealed that the spot on her left lung had grown and two other spots were found. Please pray fervently for her. Her address is: 1383 Lake Front Drive, Dandridge, TN 37725.

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

**-Bill Green**—still struggling with health issues

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

**-Linda Valentine and Larry Valentine**—both having health issues.

**-Francis Laney** has completed rehab and is with her son in North Carolina. Her address is on the bulletin board in foyer.

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

**-Bill England**-receiving radiation treatment for bone cancer.

### Friends and Family News

**-Mary Wagner**, sister of Tina Yates, completed radiation treatments. Tests will be run soon to determine how successful the treatments were. 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.

**-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 suffering from a lung infection that is not curable. Please continue prayers.

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

**-Brenda Moore**, friend of Leah, has thyroid cancer and is having a very difficult time.

-Bill England has requested prayer for his friend, **Chester Forsythe**.

**Deployed to Afghanistan: Tyler Behel**, Al's nephew.

### Special Events

Ladies Bible Class  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Men's Prayer Session  
Monday mornings at 8:30

Adult Class  
*Colossians*—Al Behel

### Building Fund

Loan balance as of 03/05/15 is **\$1,089,325.23**. Extra contributions to reduce the loan debt are needed and appreciated. Envelopes are available in the pews.

### 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).

### 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