

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### When Angels Rejoice

“...there will be joy in heaven...” (Luke 15:7)

Angels are directly affected by events on earth. Corinthian women were instructed to recognize the chain of spiritual authority and dress appropriately “because of the angels” (1 Corinthians 11:10). When the Christ child was born angels sang for joy. And Jesus tells us that there is rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents.

I like football and most other sports. I like the excitement of the crowd when the runner is about to cross the goal line to score a touchdown. Fans are on their feet, yelling feverishly, waving their arms, applauding, and cheering the team toward victory.

I think that must be the way it is with angels. Watching the battle with Satan angels are cheering us on. As we are winning surely they must burst into encouraging chants of victory. When we cross the finish line into the arms of the waiting Father their joy cannot be contained. I like to think that they are applauding every step we take toward home.

I believe there is joy when a child of God reaches the finish line to receive that eternal crown. I wonder what it will be like for heaven’s door to open to us and for us to finally walk into the presence of our eternal Father. I wonder if the heavenly host will burst into applause and shouts of joy when we arrive home.

The apostle Paul knew the end was near when he wrote, “...the time of my departure has come. I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing” (2 Timothy 4:7,8). What a joyful day it will be! To hear the angels singing!

— Al Behel

### Other News:

**-Baptism:** We rejoice in the baptism of Anakin Floyd, son of Lisa Peters. We welcome Anakin as a brother in Christ and look forward to helping him grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.

**-Jim Anderson** is still at home with a broken wrist. He will have additional surgery this week to install a plate in his wrist. He remains at home with Dez who is dealing with multiple health issues. They thank the ladies of the congregation for your continued supply of food. Cards and prayers are valued.

**-Ginny Cliett** is recovering at home from her recent back surgery. Her recovery will take some time and she will be away for awhile. Keep her in prayer.

**-Jan Messick** has been diagnosed with full-blown osteoarthritis. She will be starting treatment. Pray that it will be successful

--**Al Finnell** was diagnosed with a heart attack which he suffered a few weeks ago. **-Ron Sommerville** is preparing for more back procedures.

**-Donna Walker's sister, Sandy Eaker** - is adjusting to her dialysis and her kidneys are responding some. She is still in Long Term Acute Care.

**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: O Absalom, My Son"; P.M. - "Patmos and Beyond-No. 10- Opening The Scrolls" Revelation 6*

**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**—will have her second round of chemotherapy. The spot on her lung has grown and two other spots have been 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 04/05/15 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