

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### The Other Side of Youth

This has been a week of violence and vandalism in one of our nations major cities. This story is being repeated far too often and with widespread concern for law-abiding citizens. Regardless of the cause, violence and destruction wrought upon innocent people is a major tragedy.

There is a growing concern for America's youth. Many are without solid and stable homes, desirable role-models, and value systems that provide anchors in a society of rapid change. Many of our schools have become very unsafe places for our children.

But there is a different side of the story. West Valley Middle School in Knoxville celebrated the end of TCAP testing this week with an all school assembly where eighth-grade math teacher, Chris Price, received the surprise of his life. He has muscular dystrophy, a degenerative disease involving muscle weakness. Price thought he might have to quit teaching because of the difficulty of moving from one part of the school to another. Eighth-grade students at West Valley surprised their teacher with a mobility scooter which they had secretly raised the money to purchase.

There are countless examples of young people who rise to the top, demonstrating excellence of character and commitment to the good of others. Many are examples of godliness and virtue, of faith and fidelity, and are leaders among their own peers. We salute the youth who seek God in their lives and share their faith with their friends and classmates.

— Al Behel

### Other News:

-**Vickie Skelton** had gall bladder surgery on Thursday. She is recovery is going 40well.

-**Jim Anderson** had a plate installed in his wrist. He is to have a cast put on this week. 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 her activities will be restricted 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. A heart cath on Thursday revealed 4 blocked arteries. They are to visit the doctor tomorrow to plan for open heart surgery. Please keep Al and Beverly in your prayers.

-**Ron Sommerville** is scheduled to have a nerve stimulator installed in his back on Monday. Pray for pain relief for Ron.

-**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.

**NOTE:** Men & Ladies Monthly Meetings are being postponed until June.

**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. - "I Will Not Offer To The Lord That Which Costs Me Nothing"; 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 on Tuesday. 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.

### 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

CDs and DVDs of Sermons are available free at sound booth. Also available on the website at: [www.greatsmokymountainschurchofchrist.com](http://www.greatsmokymountainschurchofchrist.com).