

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### He Knows My Name

Mass media and music gives us a false sense of identification with those around us. We have distorted views of them, believing that we know them even if we have never met them. Informationally our world is small. But real intimacy isn't created through repeated exposure by television, computers, and CDs. Most of our Facebook friends we wouldn't recognize on the street.

To really know another and to be known by them is a unique experience. Many people know who we are, but do they really know us? Do they know our inner thoughts and feelings, our hopes and dreams, our successes and failures? Do they know the struggles that occur deep inside us?

Moses must have stopped in his tracks when God told him, "I know you by name" (Exodus 33:17). The fact that the God of all creation would pay attention to one man in a tiny part of the world was an awesome thought. God knew him individually, personally, and completely.

God knows you and me by name. He knows the intentions of our hearts and the desires that are deep in our souls. He knows our biggest weaknesses and how to buffer us for success. He knows how to lift us up when we fall.

God is a God you can count on for the long haul...He lets you sit quietly with Him and share your most intimate and revealing thoughts. He stays when others have left you alone. He knows your hurts and fears...and He knows when you try to love but can't seem to make it last. He knows when you want to give up.

God knows us because He is our Father. Jesus reveals to us the nature of God's heart. His love for us is balanced with His hatred of sin and His determination to give us a way to defeat its effects in our lives. He really knows us and He is *always* there for us.

— Al Behel

### Other News & Sick:

-**Bill Valentine** has been diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus. He is scheduled to begin radiation treatment on July 9. Please keep Bill and Gail in prayer.

--Prayers requested for Beverly Finnell's daughter-in-law's grandmother, **Hazel Haulcroft** (in Arkansas)-diagnosed with endometrial cancer. Surgery July 9.

-**Wednesday Night**—Special remembrance service for **SPC Estell Lee Turner** is scheduled for Wednesday night following Bible Study. Lee died from wounds sustained in Afghanistan and we want to honor his memory. He was the husband of Leah. A sign-up sheet is in the main foyer where you may indicate your plans to attend and to bring finger foods and/or drinks. A cake is being provided.

-**Patty Adair needs for VBS** - EMPTY Kleenex boxes - both rectangular and square - please bring to building and place on labeled table in the fellowship room. VBS is scheduled for August 7-8. Theme: "Go Tell It On the Mountain."

**Food Contact For Month:** Linda Goodnight. Call her to assist.

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

*Sermon Topics: A.M.—Naaman "Struggling With God's Plan"; P.M. —"Patmos and Beyond - No.17 – God's Wrath Unleashed on Enemies of the Church" Rev. 13—20:10*

Interpreter for deaf and hearing impaired available for AM and PM worship

### Our Known Sick

- Dez Anderson**— still confined to home with multiple health issues. Keep praying. God is listening and answering.
- Jim Anderson**—recovering from broken wrist. Healing is slow but progressing. Multiple challenges with himself and Dez.
- Sheryle Elkins**— Some encouraging news but will continue chemotherapy. Please pray fervently for her. Her address is: 1383 Lake Front Drive, Dandridge, TN 37725.
- Al Finnell**—triple bypass surgery on May 6. He is now at home and his recovery is progressing. Keep him and Beverly in your prayers.
- Ron Sommerville**— nerve stimulator seems to be helping.
- Cody Kihlberg**—recovering from tonsillectomy. Keep him in prayer.
- Jimmy Vance**—recovering from surgery to remove tumor from jaw.
- Bill Green**—still struggling with health issues
- Jean Compton**— surgery delayed until July because of a growth in her mouth.
- Francis Laney** — Her address is on the bulletin board in foyer.
- Pauline Swallow**-has colon cancer. Please pray.
- Bill England**-receiving radiation treatment for bone cancer.
- Kathy May** battling ongoing health issues. She is still in Baxter.

### Friends and Family News

- Howard Yates' mother**— ill with pneumonia in Chattanooga.
- Judy Watkins**, Rick's sister in Texas, is improving.
- Ben Lachica**, Marijane's father, had another stroke and pneumonia.
- Richard Nichols**, Nick Nichol's brother—cancer surgery in Illinois.
- 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.
- Morris Fields** -Leah Turner's uncle, a lung infection and pneumonia for the third time since October—he is in the hospital again.
- 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.
- Cecil Flowers**, friend of Dwight's, congestive heart failure and diabetes. He was a long-time member of the church in Sanford, FL, before moving to Kodak where currently worships. In Ft. Sander's Knoxville.

### Special Events

Men's Prayer Session  
Monday mornings at 8:30

**Wednesday Night**  
Rick Cliett is leading a study  
on the Book of Hebrews

### Sunday Adult Class

*I Thessalonians* —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 06/01/15 is **\$1,078,297.82**. 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)