

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### Just Ask!

Winston Churchill was the British Prime Minister during World War II. When Jack LeVein asked Churchill why he was chosen to be his film biographer, Churchill replied, "No one else bothered to ask me." Can you believe that no one had bothered to ask for the privilege and honor of filming the fascinating story of Churchill's life?

Are there times that God doesn't respond to our desires and needs because we don't bother to ask? Are there people around us who have never attended a worship service because no one ever bothered to ask them? Are there searching hearts which have never become Christians because no one bothered to ask? Asking opens doors to other humans and to the heart of God.

Jesus tells us, "Ask, and it will be given to you..." (Matthew 7:7). Are there blessings which God longs to give us and doesn't because we just don't ask? He searches the earth looking for people whose hearts are ready to receive His blessings...people who will ask in faith. But, if we don't ask, can we expect to receive? And, can you imagine exhausting His supply of blessings?

Several years ago I asked a man to make a substantial donation to a worthy cause. He responded with a gift three times larger than the amount I requested. That is a very rare phenomenon. He continued to give hundreds of thousands of dollars because he believed in the mission. James said, "You do not have, because you do not ask" (James 4:2). God wants us to ask.

Again Jesus said, "Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name, I will do it" (John 14:13, 14). The condition He places upon God's gifts is that we ask in His name. The Father is glorified through the Son and we glorify the Son by using His name to make our requests.

God's glory is demonstrated through His love for us. When we ask, He responds! What a promise! What a wonderful promise by a wonderful Father!

— Al Behel

### Other News & Sick:

-**Bill Valentine** has been diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus. He began radiation and chemotherapy on Thursday. Please keep Bill and Gail in prayer.

-**Bill England** was diagnosed on Friday with lung cancer in addition to his bone cancer. He will have a PET scan on Tuesday. His doctors are evaluating him for a surgical option. Please keep him in prayer.

-**John Devore**, Linda Goodnight's husband, is in UT Medical Center, Rm 720, with TIAs. He is scheduled for an MRI on Sunday morning. Keep John in prayer as doctors try to determine the root cause of his issues.

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

--**Patty Adair needs for VBS** - EMPTY Kleenex boxes - 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. - "This is a Day of Good News"; P.M. - "Where Are The Nine?"*

**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**— is continuing to receive chemotherapy for lung cancer. 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.

-**Jimmy Vance**—recovering from surgery to remove tumor from jaw.

-**John Devore**, Linda Goodnight's husband, recovering from stroke.

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

-**Jean Compton**— surgery delayed because of a growth in her mouth. Surgery date is to be determined.

-**Francis Laney** — Her address is on the bulletin board in foyer.

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

-**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 slightly 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.

-**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.

### VBS—AUGUST 7-8

**THEME: "GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN"**

### 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 07/01/15 is **\$1,072,765.95**. 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).