

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It's here again! Vacation Bible School is next Friday night and Saturday. We want all children from 3 years of age through sixth grade to attend. The theme is "Go Tell It On The Mountain!" This year's VBS will focus on the birth of Jesus as the Savior of the world and the implications of His birth on our lives and our salvation.

Our world is becoming increasingly more secular with fewer people understanding the importance of educating our children in the Word of God. We must not follow that path. It will have catastrophic results for our children, our families, and our nation. God has entrusted us with the responsibility and the opportunities to train and teach our young in spiritual truths essential to effective living in this world and for an eternity in the next.

We appreciate our teachers and all who help to make VBS a meaningful and edifying experience. The hard work behind the scene, the preparation for the classes, the on-site instruction and stimulation of the minds and hearts of the children is deeply appreciated. Those who volunteer are blessed and those who participate are also blessed. We still need assistants with various activities. A list is on the roster in the foyer. If you have not signed up to help, please do so today.

Friday's sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m.; Saturday will be from 8:30 a.m. til 3 p.m. Please bring your children, invite your neighbor's children, and/or come and help make this the best VBS we have had! We hope to see you there.

#### Other News & Sick:

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

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

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

-Ginny and Rick are requesting prayers for their daughter-in-law's grandmother, **Anna**, who lives in Argentina. She is very ill from a persistent infection.

**Congratulations! To Patty Adair** who received her Master's Degree from LMU in Counseling. We are proud of Patty!

**Special Guest Speaker Next Sunday Night: Bryan Kendrick** will be our speaker next Sunday night. Bryan has been part of our congregation for almost 12 years. He is a faithful servant of God who will have a very timely message.

**Meetings Today:** Men and ladies meetings will be today at 4 p.m. Please come and participate in planning the work of our congregation.

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

**Elder Contact for Month:** Marc Hayes. Phone: 731-608-4148

*Sermon Topics: A.M. - "Go! Tell It On The Mountain"; P.M.—Youth Led Worship with focus on VBS theme.*

**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.

-**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.

-**Marti Cantrell**—radiation treatment for breast cancer.

-**Estlina Wilson**—had back surgery last week and is now at home.

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

-**Jean Compton**— surgery delayed because of a growth in her mouth.

-**Kathy May** battling ongoing health issues. She is still in Baxter.

-**Keely Chambers**, granddaughter of Shirley Harmon, is 14 weeks pregnant and is confined to bed due to a serious blood clot.

-**Pauline Swallows** is dealing with cancer. Keep praying for her.

#### Friends and Family News

-**Howard Yates' mother**— ill with pneumonia in Chattanooga.

-Coleen Thomason's sister, **Sharon**, suffered a stroke and is slowly improving. She lives in Virginia.

-**Judy Watkins**, Rick's sister in Texas, is slightly improving.

-**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.

-**Tom Behel**, Al's brother - is experiencing further difficulty and will probably need a PEG tube re-installed to prevent dehydration.

-**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.

-**Megan White**, Joyce Keyser's 24 yr. old cousin from Huntsville, is in NYC awaiting delicate surgery at the base of her brain to relieve pain when she eats. Now scheduled for August 4.

### VBS—AUGUST 7-8

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

**Support staff are needed. Sign up in main foyer**

#### 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

*1 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).