

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### Reaching The Impossible Dream

*"He ties the hand of every man, that all men may know His work" (Job 37:7)*

In 1790 the patent law was enacted by the United States Congress. Some opposed the law, saying that everything that could be invented had already been invented. Those law makers would be surprised today! They couldn't envision telegraphs, telephones, radios, television, computers, airplanes, space vehicles, microwaves, cell-phones, iPads, or even automobiles!

Aren't you glad that the doubts of some were not the convictions of others? We have transcended unbelievable heights, reached beyond distant boundaries, and touched the stars with our dreams. When Booker T. Washington took a shanty in a church yard and built the infamous Tuskegee Institute who would have imagined that his dream would grow into the great Tuskegee University which stands today as one of the greatest universities in America?

George Washington Carver, a faculty member at Tuskegee, developed some 325 products from peanuts, 108 applications for sweet potatoes, and 75 products from pecans. One hardly goes grocery shopping without benefiting from the dreams of this one man. We owe much to the dreams of others.

In spite of our accomplishment, there are limits beyond which we cannot go. Our hands are tied. While we are gifted with creative abilities to invent amazing gadgets, we are limited to the mere use and reformation of things God has placed in our hands. God sets limits for our own good so that *"all men may know His work."*

God's dreams for us are placed in our hearts. He wants us to reach the outer limits, but He wants us to remember that our dreams are set within the limits He has placed around us for our own good. He knows how far we can go without damaging or destroying ourselves. He opens doors to new possibilities when we are ready to handle the responsibility for those dreams. — Al

### Other News & Sick:

**-Bill England** is in ICU at Tennova West in Knoxville following lung surgery. Bill is very ill and is in tremendous pain and is in serious condition. Please keep praying for Bill, Pat, and their family.

-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.

**Sympathy:** To **Rita Taylor** in the death of her mother, **Mrs. Florence Tolliver**, who passed away last week. Rita and other family members are in our prayers.

**-VBS was a great success!** Our thanks to everyone who worked so hard as teachers, helpers, support staff, and especially to all the kids who attended! A special thanks to Mark and the leadership staff who coordinated the event.

**Special Guest Speaker Tonight:** **Bryan Kendrick** will be our speaker tonight. Bryan has been part of our congregation for almost 12 years. He is a managing broker-realtor, past-president of the Great Smoky Mountains Assoc. of Realtors, TAR Director, TN. Assoc. of Realtors Government Affairs Committee member, and several other honors. He served 6 years in the Army National Guard and became a Staff Sergeant. He is a faithful servant of God who will have a very timely message.

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

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

*Sermon Topics: A.M. - "Lord, Teach Us To Pray"; P.M. - " Sermons From The Beginning of the Church" (Bryan Kendrick)*

**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.

**-Bill Valentine** is receiving radiation and chemotherapy for esophageal cancer. Please keep Bill and Gail in prayer.

**-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.

**-Mrs. Anna Ruth Franklin**—tests this week for another cancer.

### 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.

**-Tom Behel**, Al's brother, now at home with a feeding tube.

**-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.

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

**-David Timmerman**, a friend of Al and Linda's family, is suffering from stage 4 cancer. Treatment options are being evaluated.

### Polishing The Pulpit

**August 21-27**  
**Sevierville Events Center**

Edifying the whole family with hours of Bible study, singing, classes for all ages.

**Go to:** [polishingthepulpit.com](http://polishingthepulpit.com)  
to register

### Building Fund

Loan balance as of 07/01/15 is **\$1,067,940.55**. 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