

NEWSLINE

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Stay In The Deep Waters

A passenger, speaking to the captain of a Mississippi steamboat said, "Captain, I suppose you know every sandbar in the river." "No, I don't", replied the captain. "It would be a waste of time. I know where the deep waters are, so I don't need to know the location of every sandbar."

Jesus said, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). When we know truth we do not need to know every falsehood that is in the world. Truth dispels everything that is untrue.

The religious world is filled with conflicting and competing messages. Some go from church to church, looking for the right "fit", or a group that peaks their interest. This approach is not based on a search for truth but a search for personal gratification.

On the night of his betrayal, Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them in Thy truth; Thy word is truth" (John 17:17). God's word is the truth the world needs. It alone can sanctify a fallen world. When we turn to His word the darkness of our world is dispelled. Early Christians were repeatedly warned against false teachers who teach false messages in the name of Christ. When we know truth all error is brought to light. We don't need to know where all the sandbars are if we stay in the deep waters.

— Al Behel

Bibles For Schools In Ukraine, Russia, and Romania

A Special Collection will be taken today as part of a \$2 Million fund drive to place Bibles in public schools in Ukraine, Russia, and Romania. There is a hunger for the Word of God in these countries and we have been invited to place Bibles in classrooms and libraries of the public schools and Universities. The baskets will be passed a second time today to help with this effort.

Other News & Sick:

Sympathy To: Leah Turner, in the death of her uncle, Morris Fields, who passed away last Sunday night.

Dwight Grizzell—surgery for prostate cancer was deemed successful—he will be recovering for a few weeks.

Ben Lachica, Mariejane's dad—is improving in the Philippines. Mariejane should be coming home this week.

Estlina Wilson—is still in ICU at UT Hospital. She had a feeding tube inserted this week and is in very critical condition. Keep praying.

Josh Hawkes has pneumonia. The family drove to Ohio last week to see a doctor there.

Sue Hayes' sister, Joyce, had a fall resulting in a small fracture to her leg and a serious foot drop issue. Home care and rehab planned to assist in healing.

Tanyia Smith is moving from us this week to live near her sister. We will miss Tanyia and pray God's richest blessing on her.

Ladies Bible Study—1st and 3rd Tuesdays—next class is October 6 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Polly Cline is leading a special series entitled "Hunger in My Soul." Please see Polly or Sue Hayes for copies of lessons.

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

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

Sermon Topics: A.M. — "Holes In The Darkness" - Ephesians 5:6-20

P.M.— "In The Garden Where Jesus Is Waiting"

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

Our Known Sick

-Dez Anderson— still suffering with multiple health issues. Keep praying. God is listening and answering. It was good to see Dez at services recently.

-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 battling esophageal cancer. Surgery is scheduled for October 21. Please keep Bill and Gail in prayer.

-Marti Cantrell—radiation treatment for breast cancer.

-Bill Green—still struggling with health issues

-Jean Compton— had surgery to repair a hernia.

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

-Keely Chambers is recovering at home with her grandmother.

-Pauline Swallow is dealing with cancer. Keep praying for her.

-Bill England—is back in the hospital battling pneumonia and a staph infection. Bill recently had surgery for lung cancer. Keep praying.

-Glen Skelton is recovering from retina surgery.

Friends and Family News

-Howard Yates' mother had surgery this past week in Chattanooga to repair a broken hip.

-Coleen Thomason's sister, Sharon Roth suffered a stroke and moved to rehab. Address: 6921 Pine Needle Lane, Boone Mills, VA 24065.

-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 is in serious condition in Alabama.

-Barbara Copley, friend of Bill England and Sheryle Elkins—cancer.

-Maegan White, Joyce Keyser's 24 yr. old cousin from Huntsville—home after her surgery.

-David Timmerman, a friend of Al and Linda's family, is suffering from stage 4 cancer.

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

-Dee Lewis, friend of the Clietts, stage four cancer (6th occurrence)

Baby Shower: For Lisa and Josh Sampson in the Fellowship Hall, October 3, at 3 p.m. Baby is a girl.

Meetings: Men & Ladies, next Sunday, 4 p.m.

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 09/01/15 is **\$1,062,602.56**. 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