

NEWSLINE

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God is So Good!

Have you ever thought of just how good God is? When the disciples spoke of Jesus being good, he replied, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone" (Luke 18:19). The psalmist said, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good..." (Psalm 36:1).

When I look out the window and see the green trees and grass I think, "God is so good!" When I look at acts of kindness done toward others because of the love of God I think, "God is so good!" When I see beauty in the eyes and faces of His children, I think, "God is so good!"

I rest in the awareness that God is good and I don't need to sweat the small stuff. He is in control of the outcomes and ultimately good wins over evil. His love makes Him good beyond comparison with our greatest efforts. We are prone to bitterness and resentment. God is stable and His judgment is based in justice tempered with mercy.

The greatest demonstration of His goodness is seen in the cross. A cross that should have been ours. A cross that screams against all the forces of darkness in this world and stands like a beacon of mercy for fallen man. A cross that can be seen from centuries past and that will penetrate through all centuries to come.

When we experience the cruelty of others and the alluring power of evil we must remember that God is good. We are drawn to that goodness and we are cleansed by that love. Yes, God is so good!

___ Al Behel

Other News:

-**Jim Anderson** fell down a steep embankment recently and broke his right wrist. A pin had to be installed. He is still having significant difficulty with the pin and cast. Dez' blood pressure condition improved over the past week.

-**Ginny Cliett** will have major back surgery on Friday at Parkwest in Knoxville. She will be recovering for a few weeks. Keep her in prayer.

-**Jan Messick** experienced an event last Sunday brought on by severe dehydration. She has been recovering this week.

-**Al Finnell** was diagnosed with a heart attack which he suffered a few weeks ago. He will have additional tests to determine severity of his heart condition.

-**Skip Stewart** is scheduled for vascular surgery on April 15.

-**Ron Sommerville** is preparing for more back procedures.

-**Ben Lachica**, Marijane's father, is improving at home in the Philippines.

-**Donna Walker's sister** - very serious condition with congestive heart failure, kidney and liver issues.

MEETINGS: Men and Ladies meet today at 4 p.m.

Food Contact For Month: Priscilla Dick. Contact her if you wish to help.

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

Sermon Topics: A.M. - "Lessons from 2 Samuel: God Means What He Says"; P.M. - "Patmos and Beyond-No. 8- Worthy Is The Lamb" Revelation 4 & 5

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

Our Known Sick

-**Dez Anderson**— continues to battle multiple health issues and her activity level is very limited. Keep praying...God is listening and answering.

-**Sheryle Elkins**—PET scan revealed that the spot in the lower part of her left lung had enlarged and two other spots were found. Chemotherapy will resume on Tuesday. Please pray fervently for her. Her address is: 1383 Lake Front Drive, Dandridge, TN 37725.

-**Estlina Wilson** is battling blood clots in her leg.

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

-**Hubert and Jean Compton**—Hubert recovering from a fall and Jean battling heart issues.

-**Linda Valentine and Larry Valentine**—both having health issues.

-**Francis Laney** has completed rehab and is with her son in North Carolina. Her address is on the bulletin board in foyer.

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

-**Bill England**-receiving radiation treatment for bone cancer.

Friends and Family News

-**Randy Messick**, Jan's son, is battling liver cancer. He lives in Winston Salem, NC. Keep him in prayer.

-**Mary Wagner**, sister of Tina Yates, completed radiation treatments. Tests will be run soon to determine how successful the treatments were. She lives in Arlington, TX.

-**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 from post-operative stroke and broken femur. Still having minimal speech.

-**Debbie Little**, mother of one of Marti's students, is recovering from a brain aneurysm rupture. The family appreciates your prayers and cards. Their address is: Debbie, Randy, Michael, & Katie Little, 4152 Briggs Loop, Kodak, TN 37764. Please drop a note.

-**Morris Fields**, Leah Turner's uncle, is suffering from a lung infection that is not curable. Please continue prayers.

-**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.

-Bill England has requested prayer for his friend, **Chester Forsythe**.

Deployed to Afghanistan: Tyler Behel, Al's nephew.

Special Events

Ladies Bible Class
1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Men's Prayer Session
Monday mornings at 8:30

Adult Class

Colossians—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 03/05/15 is **\$1,093,821.71**. 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