

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### The Best Is Free

The things we remember most in life are the things which came to us with little or no cost. The best gifts cannot be bought. They are freely given and freely received. They come from hearts filled with love and are received with hearts filled with gratitude.

Common courtesy and politeness go a long way. A smile may brighten the day of someone who feels very lonely and isolated. A word of commendation or praise may lift a sinking spirit above the cloud of self-doubt and fear. Love is the cheapest of all gifts to give and the most valuable to receive. Those who love are enriched by what they give away.

I remember a young man with whom I grew up in a small rural community. How different his life might have been if the people in his community had taken the time to understand and speak words of encouragement. But they did not. Lonely, isolated, criticized, he fought back. Consequently, his life has been a series of jail and prison sentences.

A few acts of kindness from us may make the difference between a child's choice to become a delinquent or a Christian. Words of encouragement and a belief in the worth of another human being may be the real catalyst in that person's development of a meaningful life of service. God taught us this long ago. Jesus told us that, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16). He didn't send a low-ranking angel. He didn't ask for volunteers. He sent heaven's best gift to show His love for us.

— Al Behel



**Work Session Next Saturday:** There will be a work session next Saturday to do some deep cleaning of various areas identified that do not fall under routine weekly cleaning. We appreciate the exceptional work done by Tom, Deb, and Kristi on a routine basis. Cleaning begins at 9 a.m.

**Area Youth Fellowship:** We will host the area youth devotional and fellowship today at 4 p.m. We will serve a meal to them at 5 and they will worship with us at 6 p.m. Our youth and adults are invited to attend the devotional period and enjoy a wonderful experience together.

### Other News:

- Don Mayhall** is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Sue Mercer** is recovering at home from knee replacement surgery. Her address is: 2005 Malibu Ct. Sevierville, TN 37876.
- Sue Hayes' sister-in-law, Jane Hufford**, is suffering with a recurrence of Leukemia. She lives in Nashville.
- John Devore**, husband of Linda Goodnight, suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized in California. He also has a bleeding ulcer. He flew back home on Saturday. Keep John and Linda in your prayers.
- Congratulations!** To **Tom and Deb Elkins** on the birth of their new great grandson, Oliver Scott, born last week.
- Rick and Ginny are in Texas with their daughter and granddaughter. They will return the end of the week.

**Food Contact For Month:** Linda Goodnight, Back up Tina Yates

**Elder Contact for Month:** Rick Cliett (865-789-9619)

**Sermon Topics:** A.M. - "Walking By Faith-Add Steadfastness" (2 Peter 1:3-9)  
P.M. - "Remember Your Creator"

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.
- Sheryle Elkins**— is continuing chemotherapy on a periodic basis for treatment of lung cancer.
- Bill Valentine** is recovering from esophageal cancer surgery. We rejoice with him that all indicators are good.
- Bill Green**—suffering from several health issues.
- Jean Compton**—is recovering at home.
- Kathy May** battling ongoing health issues. She is still in Baxter.
- Pauline Swallow** is dealing with cancer. Keep praying for her.
- Jerry and Jeanette Dyer**— they face several challenges.
- Patty Adair** has finished her hyperbaric treatment for a leg infection. She is still recovering
- Larry Barnett** started his injections for pain back and hip.
- Al Behel** is scheduled for cardiac ablation on April 12 at Park West Hospital.
- Hazel Gosnell** is receiving therapy for speech and feeding.
- Samuel Haynes** is recovering from ear surgery on Wednesday.

### Friends and Family News

- Shannon Barnett, son of Larry and Helen**, is recuperating from successful surgery. He is now in Mississippi.
- Lida Cliett**, Rick's aunt, very ill with heart failure complicated by cancer. Her sister is Rick's stepmother, Billie.
- Joyce Keyser's cousin, **Maegan White**, recovering from brain surgery.
- Sue Hayes sister, Joyce**, recovering from a fall.
- Pat Thomas**, friend of Linda Valentine and other members here, had bladder cancer surgery recently. Pat lives in Brentwood, TN.
- Brenda Scott's niece, **Nita Watern**, -liver cancer and is receiving chemotherapy. She lives in New Madison, Ohio.
- Judy Watkins and husband Jim**—continuing health issues.
- Dee Lewis**, friend of the Clietts, stage four cancer (6th occurrence)
- John Devore's** (Linda Goodnight's husband) **daughter, Chelle Hendershot**, recovering from a severe automobile accident.
- Randy Moore**, brother of Tina Yates, is doing better. He is suffering from kidney disease.

**Ladies Bible Class**—1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

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### Special Events

**Men's Prayer Session**  
Monday mornings at 8:30

### Wednesday Night

Danny Cline leading a study-  
"They Met the Messiah in Mark"

### Sunday Adult Class

2 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 03/04/16 is **\$1,027,868.60**. 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).