

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### Are You Coming Or Going?

We've all had those days. We meet ourselves in the stairwell and can't figure out if we are coming or going. One child has ball practice, another has an orthodontist appointment, dinner has to be made, and company is coming at 7 p.m. It might not be so bad if this were an unusual day, but it is not. Seems like every day is this way.

God's answer is always spot-on. It's like He has lived all of our individual lives and experienced everything we have experienced. He simply says, "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46). This psalm was written after God had answered Hezekiah's prayer for help and direction by sending one angel to destroy 185,000 Assyrians who were threatening Israel's security. One angel. That's all it took to show He was there. That's the God I want to listen to, and not to the cynics who question whether He cares and or will answer.

We may not be able to control all the demands placed upon us or the pressures that threaten to undo us, but we can open our hearts to the peace that comes from knowing that God can calm any storm and bring living water into our thirsty lives. Amidst the pounding voices around us and the rising fears within us, let's hear Him say again, "Be still, and know that I am God."

—Al Behel

### Other News

- Larry Barnett** - Heart monitor showed no arrhythmia during time he wore it, and he was to begin cardiac rehab Aug. 3 for further monitoring.
- Charles and Frances Copeland**—Prayers please for their great granddaughter, Madeline Grace Kirby, born Aug. 1, as she is gravely ill and undergoing many tests to attempt to determine treatment options.
- Jan Messick** will have cataract surgery on her left eye Monday, Aug. 8, and on Sept. 19 she will have the procedure on her other eye.
- Sue Mercer**—one day procedure was done on her back Aug. 3. She reports that she is feeling a little better but will need a couple of weeks to recover.
- Madison Barnett** -diagnosed with Barrett's Syndrome. She has been seeing doctors for further evaluations in order to attempt to diminish her pain.
- Joyce Keyser**-diagnosed with peritoneal cancer and began chemotherapy on July 25, continuing weekly, with radiation commencing on Tuesday Aug. 2 and four days each week. Her cancer appears to be localized. Keep praying.
- Samuel Haynes** had successful ear surgery at St. Thomas on August 4. Please keep Samuel in prayer as he recovers.
- Al** expects to be away for a few Sundays recovering from knee replacement surgery. He began outpatient rehab last week. The Behels thank you for prayers.
- Speakers Today**- Our speaker this morning in Al's absence is **Mark Haynes**, and tonight **Danny Cline** will speak. **Rick** will lead the Sunday adult class.
- Harold Petty**, Elaine and Marti's 84 year old uncle, fell recently and broke his hip. He lives in Memphis. He is now in rehab and recovering well.
- Madison Barnett** came forward last Sunday requesting prayers to be a better Christian example. Thank you, Madison, for courage and determination.

-**Ladies Bible Study**—Resumes on Tuesday, Sept. 6 with Polly Cline leading a wonderful study on "Hunger in My Soul" at 10 a.m. every 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall—Plan now to attend!

-**Directory Updates:** Please review your directory information and make any additions or corrections and send these to Linda at lbehel@ix.netcom.com.

**Food Contact For Month:** Patty Adair

**Elder Contact for Month:** Marc Hayes (1-731-608-4148)

**Sermon Topics:** A.M.— "We are Now the Holy Temple" - Mark Haynes  
P.M. - "Just One Nation Under God" - Danny Cline

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. Recent PET Scan was good-another will be repeated in three months. Please keep praying.
- Bill Valentine** is recovering from esophageal cancer surgery. Please keep praying for Bill and Gail.
- Larry Valentine**—skin cancer removed requiring numerous stitches.
- Patsy Bevis**—unable to have back surgery at this time—prayers for her strength to improve.
- 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.

### Friends and Family News

- Jackie Stearsman**, friend of Al Behel, has leukemia. Please pray for him. Jackie and Joyce live in Livingston, TN.
- David Timmerman**—friend of Al and Linda Behel—advanced cancer—prayers appreciated as he and family cope.
- Lida Cliett**, Rick's aunt, ill with heart failure complicated by cancer.
- Joyce Keyser's cousin, **Maegan White**, post brain surgery, she is not doing well but rather continues to experience pain and suffering.
- Chris Robertson**, Brenda Scott's 86 year old sister, had a very risky hip replacement surgery recently. She also has heart problems.
- Sue Hayes sister, Joyce**, recovering from a fall.
- Sue Hayes' sister-in-law, Jane Hufford**, is suffering with a recurrence of Leukemia. She especially requests prayers that a bone marrow transplant donor be found for her. She lives in Nashville.
- 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**, has liver cancer and is receiving chemotherapy. She lives in New Madison, Ohio.
- Judy Watkins and husband Jim**—continuing health issues. (Rick Cliett's sister and husband).
- Miss Rose**, Leah's 96 year old neighbor, has been released from the hospital after bleeding from diverticulitis—she remains in much pain from Shingles. She and family appreciate your prayers.
- Dee Lewis**, friend of the Clietts, stage four cancer (6th occurrence)
- Mark Baker**, Coleen Thomason's brother-in-law. Pneumonia.

**Grief Support Group**—see **Patty Adair** for more information.

**Men's and Ladies' Meetings today at 4 p.m.—Please come!**

### Special Events

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

### Wednesday Night

**Rick Cliett** "The Essence of Faith" - Hebrews 11

### Sunday Adult Class

**Rick Cliett**—Faith—James 2

### 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 07/02/16 is **\$1,002,855.22**. 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).