

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### “Time Is Filled With Swift Transition”

#### *The Stuff Life Is Made Of*

I am always intrigued by the concept of time. One of the distinguishing characteristics of man is his ability to think of the past, present, and future. Other creatures instinctively prepare for the months or years ahead, but none seem to really grasp the full meaning of time. We measure our existence on earth by the passing years. We set appointments, invite guests, and plan our days with time in mind.

The old hymn expresses it well: “Time is filled with swift transition”. Time never stops. We are constantly reminded that time stands still for no one. We can’t stop the passing of years. The aging process is a painful reminder that we can’t hold onto our youth.

As we get older time takes on different meanings for us. It may represent sad experiences, loss of loved ones, missed opportunities, or painful failures. Or, it may represent a host of exciting memories, relationships, and successes. For most of us it represents a combination of negative events and positive treasures.

To a child, time seems never to end. To an adult, time seems never to slow down. For the lonely and the depressed, time is a huge weight that hangs heavily about their necks. For those who find each day filled with joy, time is a friendly and soothing companion.

Perhaps the best way to define time is in the words of Benjamin Franklin, who said, “Time is the stuff life is made of.” When you share your time with someone else, you share your life. That part of your life will never be lived again, nor will you use that time in any other way. Since that is the case it is imperative that we use each moment in a way that will be a credit to our lives. To waste time is to waste life.

Someone has said:

*“Time is too slow for those who wait,  
Too fast for those who hurry;  
But for those who love  
Time is eternity.”*

The gift of time is one of God’s ways of extending grace to us. Each hour is another opportunity to serve and glorify Him.

— Al Behel

#### Other News:

--**Bob Keyser**—fell on black ice in Texas and broke his upper arm. Bob is experiencing much pain but has begun physical therapy to assist with healing.

-Joyce Keyser’s cousin, **Meagan White**, has been released from the hospital after having brain surgery.

-**Pat Thomas**, friend of Linda Valentine and other members here, had bladder cancer surgery recently. Pat lives in Brentwood, Tennessee.

-**Sunday Night Fellowship and Game Night:** We will have a finger-food fellowship tonight after worship. Please bring sandwiches or foods that can be eaten with your fingers and enjoy a time with your brothers and sisters. After the meal we will have a time for games and fun with each other. Our last one was so successful that we want another!

**Food Contact For Month:** Linda Goodnight.

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

**Sermon Topics:** A.M. – “When Faith Is Not Enough”

P.M.— “The Greatest Sentence Ever Written”

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. Her last lung scan was encouraging. Keep her in your prayers.

-**Bill Valentine** is recovering from esophageal cancer surgery. We rejoice with him that all indicators are good. It is so good to have him and Gail back in worship with us.

-**Dan Elkins**—prayers requested as he deals with high blood pressure issues.

-**Bill Green**—suffering from several health issues. Cards would mean a lot to him.

-**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.

-**Keely Chambers**, Shirley Harmon’s granddaughter, delivered a baby girl on January 8. Her name is Amberly Lynne. Shirley Harmon is the proud great grandmother.

-**Tanya Smith** (former member) has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Initial tests indicate cancer is confined to the thyroid. She is now living in Collinwood, TN.

### Friends and Family News

-**Sue Hayes sister, Joyce**, had a fall resulting in a small fracture to her leg and a serious foot drop issue.

-Brenda Scott’s niece, **Nita Waterm**, has liver cancer and is receiving chemotherapy. Her liver is almost completely consumed. She lives in New Madison, Ohio.

-Leah Turner’s friend, **Nesbit Allen**, surgery to remove cancerous tumor from his bladder which has metastasized. At this time he is suffering from other serious health issues including pneumonia.

-**Judy Watkins**, Rick’s sister in Texas, is improved.

-**Richard Nichols**, Nick Nichol’s brother—cancer surgery in Illinois.

-**Barbara Copley**, friend of Sheryle Elkins—battling cancer.

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

**Ladies Bible Class** meets at 10 a.m. on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall with Polly Cline leading a study on “Hunger In My Soul.” The next class will be this Tuesday, Jan. 19.

#### 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

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 01/02/16 is **\$1,042,098.86**. 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)