

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### Are You Tenderhearted?

*"Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love of the brethren, a tender heart and a humble mind" (1 Peter 3:8)*

Do you ever cry? Oh, I don't mean do you feel sorry for yourself and shed tears of self-pity. I'm asking if your heart is moved when you see someone else struggle, hear about a tragedy, or see someone fall into sin. Do you share tears of joy with those who have good things happen to them?

Tenderhearted people love from the inside out. They love with their hearts and not simply with their lips. They are people of compassion...people who see the inside pain, or joy, or sorrow in the hearts of others. Tenderhearted people place others before themselves. They are people who are moved to action.

Tenderhearted people are non-judgmental about the motives of others, uncritical of their efforts to serve, and forgiving when they fall. Tenderhearted people encourage those who are weak and lift them up when they stumble.

Tenderheartedness is a characteristic of people who serve God. Jesus was moved with compassion for the lost of the world. He heard the cries of the blind, the lonely, the social outcasts, and those who were empty. He felt deeply for those who were rejected by their peers.

Humility toward self and others is essential to genuine love and unity of the spirit (1 Peter 3:8). And real faith is demonstrated through tender hearts (James 2:14-17). To be able to share in the suffering of others and to open our hearts to their needs is the beginning of salvation. From the cross Jesus continued to think of the needs of others.

—Al Behel

### Other News

**Les Jewell** suffered a brain stem stroke last Saturday night and was taken to U.T. Medical Center. He was transferred on Friday to Tennova Hospital (Old St. Mary's). He is in Rm 468 and will be having extensive rehabilitation. Please keep Les and Barbara in your prayers.

**Carolyn Sommerville**—is scheduled for surgery to remove a section of her intestine on June 6. Please keep Carolyn in your prayers.

**Welcome Raja!** It is good to have **Raja Vijey Kumar Vundurthi** visiting with us from India. Raja is one of the missionaries supported by our congregation. He and his father are doing tremendous work in spreading the gospel to his native people. Raja will speak to us this morning, updating us on the good work being done in India. We are very please to have a part in helping Raja as he shares the good news of Christ with others.

**Congratulations!** To Hunter Haynes and Abigail (Abby) Lee who were married Saturday afternoon. We wish them the brightest of futures and pray God's richest blessings to be upon them.

**Food Contact For Month:** Patty Adair and Priscilla Dick

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

**Sermon Topics:** A.M.— "Preaching the Gospel in India" -Raja Vundurthi  
P.M.— "Will You Be Surprised?"

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

### Our Known Sick

**-Dez Anderson**— suffering many health issues. Prayers and cards are encouraging and appreciated.

**-Sheryle Elkins**-continuing treatment for cancer. Please keep praying for her and Dan.

**-Dan Elkins**— dealing with several health issues.

**-Joyce Keyser**-Joyce suffers from peritoneal cancer. Please continue to pray for her progress and control of her cancer.

**-Herman Byrne**—several tumors inside the bladder have penetrated into the muscle. Further tests will be done and treatment options will be considered. Please pray for Herman and Ruth.

**-Larry Barnett**— pray for good outcomes with his tests

**-Bill Green**—suffering from many health issues.

**-Jean Compton** —is recovering at home.

**-Jerry and Jeanette Dyer**—Jerry is having many challenges and is in steady decline, according to Hospice.

**-Kenny Jones** is home from the hospital and rehab. Thanks to God!

**-Charles & Frances Copeland**-newborn great granddaughter, **Made-line Grace Kirby**, is very ill with a genetic disorder.

**-Wyatt Cox**, 3 year old son of Heather and Alan Cox, will have a heart cath at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital on June 2nd and open heart surgery is scheduled for June 20th.

**-Lindsey Cuevar**, Mrs. Rosa's daughter, —ear surgery rescheduled.

### Friends and Family News/Prayer Requests

**-Meagan White**, Joyce's cousin, pain post brain surgeries.

**-Sue & Marc Hayes' sister-in-law, Jane Hufford**, second transplant (peripheral blood transplant rather than bone marrow transplant) appears to be successful. Prayers are requested for her.

**-Breana Ward**, age 32, stage 4 cancer-has three children. Prayers and cards requested. Address in foyer. This family visits with us.

**-Jessica Anderson**, 35 year old niece of the Tollivers, has stage 3b breast cancer. Double mastectomy was done recently.

**-Darlene Clark**, Otis Hawkes' sister, - critical condition in Colorado.

**-B.W. Ausborn**, from Fulton, MS.—his wife, Irene, has requested that we pray for B.W. as he undergoes a radical cystectomy for bladder cancer on May 24th.

**-Faye Cline**, Pat England's mother, has lung cancer and has been given 6-8 months to live. Please keep her, Pat, and family in your prayers.

**-Wedding Tea** for Mary Hayes and Andrew Schroeder-June 4th.

### Special Events

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

**Sunday Adult Class**  
2 Timothy 1-2 —Al Behel

**Wednesday Night Class**  
Danny Cline will lead our study

### Building Fund

Loan balance on 05/15/17 is **\$957,933.82** 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).

### 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