

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### A God of Peace

God is described in Scripture as the "God of peace". The birth of Jesus was announced with the proclamation, "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men!" He offers to everyone a "peace that passes all understanding." His disciples were told, "My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you; let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (John 14:27).

God is concerned with peace. He wants us to know His peace and to share that peace with all those around us. Sometimes peace comes after conflict and war. Entry into the Kingdom of God comes through conflict between God's will and the evil forces of darkness.

The peace of God can only exist where hearts are prepared for His presence. Nations have fallen, kingdoms have been displaced, and mighty men have met defeat to prepare the way for God's rule. God's peace cannot be attained through force. It comes through acceptance.

Acceptance of God's peace involves laying down our defensive weapons of pride and arrogance. It necessitates that we look at ourselves as spiritually helpless and that we open ourselves to everything He offers. It demands that we allow Him free access to all that we are and have. It requires the surrender of our wills to God's will.

Peace comes from the presence of God in our lives. Solomon said, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe" (Proverbs 18:10). No matter how great the turmoil in our lives may become we can find protection and peace when we take our shelter in His Name. As our Prince of Peace Jesus calms the storms in our lives with a word, "Peace, be still!"

Let us remember that His Word has not lost its power and the winds and waves and situations of life are still subject to His voice.

—Al Behel

#### Other News and Sick:

-**Kenny Jones** is in LeConte Medical, room 335. He fell on Friday. Also had a medical incident at church last Sunday. Awaiting rehab.

-**Charles Copeland** was taken to the hospital Friday night with shortness of breath. He is now home.

-**Eric Behel**, Al's nephew, is in UAB Medical Center in Birmingham with severe complications of Cellulitis. He was transferred from Florence after being hospitalized there for almost three weeks.

**Baptistery Replacement:** Tom Elkins is in the process of replacing our baptistery due to continued leaks and dysfunction of the heater. Our thanks to Tom for his good work.

#### Have You Had Your Picture Made?



If you haven't had your picture made for the directory board and phone app directory, please do so asap. You may go to the fellowship hall after worship this morning or tonight to have yours made. Your assistance in helping complete this project will be greatly appreciated. Thanks to Beth, Bryan, Mariejane, and Tracey for their help in completing this project. And to Mark Haynes for setting up the directory app.

**Food Contact For Month:** Sue Hayes

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

**Sermon Topics:** A.M.—"God's Providence, The Story of Ruth" (Ruth 1:1-18)

P.M.— Youth will lead our worship

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

### Our Known Sick

-**Dez Anderson**— hospitalized this week for high blood pressure. Currently in room 488 at U.T. Medical Center. Dez suffers from many health issues. Prayers and cards are encouraging and appreciated. Thank you for your prayers.

-**Sheryle Elkins**—is making significant improvement in her recovery from blood clots in the lung following a biopsy. She has been very sick and we are grateful for improvement. Hopefully, she will be transferred to rehab early in the week. Thank you for keeping her in your prayers. Also prayers for Dan.

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

-**Jeanette Dyer** has been ill with flu-like symptoms, a sinus infection, and arthritis. She is pursuing answers from her doctors.

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

-**Les Jewell** is continuing to improve following a brainstem stroke. It good to have him and Barbara back with us.

-**James Crowson** (who moved here from Florida several months ago) was hit head-on in a collision Tuesday. He suffered a broken bone in his neck and will be in a brace for 12 weeks. He is improving and looks forward to being back in worship soon.

-**Ron and Carolyn Sommerville**—Ron was placed in rehab this week but was later sent home and is awaiting another facility. Please keep praying for him and Carolyn as she cares for Ron.

-**Charles & Frances Copeland**— great granddaughter, **Madeline Grace Kirby**, is very ill with a genetic disorder.

### 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.

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

-**Rick Cliett's niece, Penny**—liver problems but doing better.

-Prayer request for **Tim Tolley**, Charlotte Jones' brother-in-law.

-**Lauren Meier's son, Hunter**, suffered an injury. His address is 3378 Boogertown Rd, Sevierville, TN 37876.

-**Craig Hux**, frequent visitor from Greeneville, has requested prayer for him as he faces surgery on October 31 in Greeneville.

-**Cason Barnett** asked us to remember his 3rd grade friend at school, Vinny (8 years old), who is suffering from a lung disease.

#### Sunday Adult Class

Titus 2 —Al Behel

#### Wednesday Night Class

"Sermon on the Mount"—Rick Cliett

#### Ladies-1st, 3rd Tuesdays, 10AM

"Hunger In My Soul: I Will Be Your God, You Will Be My People"—Polly Cline

#### Men's Prayer Session

Mondays—8:30 AM

#### 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 on 10/15/17 is **\$931,107.49**. 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).