

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### Power To Change Hearts

*A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. (Ezekiel 36:26)*

The heart of man is capable of the highest good and worst of evils. It can burst with excitement or break with pain. It can overflow with joy or drown in misery. It can devise the most demonic acts, and the most godly intents. The heart of man can be filled with the fullness of God's love, or the most venomous hatred Satan can muster.

I have seen the power of God that changes hearts. I sat across the table from my friend who had battled internal demons brought on largely by addictions and choices that had very negative consequences in his life. We met some years before as he was struggling to find his way out of his self-made prison. Through many discussions with me and others, he surrendered his life to Christ. We laughed as we talked about how he had to change his language in Bible classes since most of his speech had been very "colorfully" accented with profanity.

I thought about the change God made in my friend's life. Not only did he give up his addictions, he turned his heart over to God. He doesn't lead public prayer. He doesn't teach Bible classes. But, he has brought his entire family to God! He is a very successful business man who has given much to missions and has traveled to distant fields to minister to the needs of others.

God is in the business of changing hearts. The psalmist tells us that He knows our frame and knows that we are dust. He knows that Satan is powerful and can fill us with polluted thoughts, corrupt speech, and evil desires. He knows that we are unable to purify our own hearts or to clean up our lives by ourselves. He knows that we need the blood of His Son and the power of His Spirit living within us.

—Al Behel

### Other News

**Wyatt Cox** (3 years old) had a heart cath on Friday at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. The cath went well and he is scheduled for open heart surgery on June 20. Please keep little Wyatt and his family in your prayers.

**Les Jewell** is in Tennova Physicians Hospital (Old St. Mary's) following a brainstem stroke. He is in Rm 468 and will be having extensive rehabilitation. Please keep Les and Barbara in your prayers. Cards may be sent to him at 900 East Oak Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917.

**DeEtte Alexander** had shoulder surgery on Thursday and is now at home. She is suffering a lot of pain. Keep her in prayer.

**Patty Adair**-torn abductor tendon in her hip. Surgery pending. Prayers please

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

**Gary and Priscilla Dick** left yesterday to visit Israel. Prayers for safe travels. They will be gone 3 Sundays.

**Men and Ladies Meetings**—today at 4:30. We need you there.

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

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

**Sermon Topics:** A.M.- "Strangers In A Foreign Land" (1 Peter 1:1-9)  
P.M.— "Proverbs To Ponder"

**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**—suffering from bladder cancer. His condition is serious. He was hospitalized earlier this week but is now at home. Please pray for Herman and Ruth.

**-Larry Barnett**— diagnosed with sleep apnea. Will receive a C-Pap machine on July 1

**-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**—really good to see him back with us and at the door.

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

**-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, is now in remission from her cancer. 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.

**-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.

**-Tea/Shower** for **Mary Hayes and Andrew Schroeder**—today, from 2:00-3:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Mary is the daughter of Beth and Kenny Hayes. She is registered at Walmart, Target, and Bed Bath and Beyond.



### Special Events

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

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

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

### 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 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).