

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### “Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”

Trust. Submission. Acceptance. Brokenness. Devotion. Obedience. That’s what discipleship is all about. Complete surrender of our own wills to God’s will. The old hymn states it succinctly:

*“Have Thine Own Way, Lord, Have Thine own way! Thou art the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me after Thy will, while I am waiting, Yielded and still.”*

Following Jesus requires a radical decision about my will. It requires that I examine my readiness to place everything in His hands. When I tell God to have His way in my life I am declaring that there is no limit to what I am willing to do for Him. There are no restrictions on my commitment. There are no reservations. Nothing is to divert me from the course.

Asking God to have His own way means that every action, every emotion, and every thought will be placed under His control. His will becomes my will. My will is to do His will. His Word is mandate over all decisions and choices. God alone is sovereign.

God accepts no less. A half-hearted commitment is no commitment at all. A limited commitment is a mockery to His grace. His majesty elicits our praise. His glory calls us to fall upon our knees before Him. He is *The Almighty*...and there is no other like Him.

Be honest with God. He knows what your heart is really saying. He knows if your word is for real. Make your word your bond. He will hold you to it.

—Al Behel

### Polishing The Pulpit

The 2017 PTP is scheduled for August 18-24 at the Sevierville Convention Center. Check the “Polishing The Pulpit” website for information and schedules. This is a tremendous opportunity for study and spiritual growth. If you can attend you will be glad you did.

### OTHER SICK AND NEWS

#### -Sympathy To:

**Pat England** in the death of her mother, Faye Cline, who passed away this week. Our prayers are with Pat and her family.

**Jan Messick** in the death of her brother who passed away a week ago in North Carolina.

**G.C. Robinson** family. G.C. passed away this week. He was known to several of our members. He and his wife, Mattie Lou, were surrogate grandparents to Al and Linda’s children and have been very much a part of their family. They have shared Christmas and important life events for 40 years.

**-Bill Sears**, son of Patsy Bevis, has colon cancer. He lives in Ohio.

-Dwight Grizzell’s mother, **Laurel Grizzell**, suffered a stroke earlier this week. She lives in Winchester. Please pray for her comfort and peace.

-**Jesse Cox**, Sue Hayes’ nephew, was T-boned by a drunk driver in an auto accident in Nashville and suffered serious injuries. He is a police officer.

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

**Elder Contact for Month:** Jim Anderson (865-924-1067)

**Sermon Topics:** A.M.- “What It Means To Be A Member of the Church” (Matt. 16:13-16; Rom. 12:4-5; I Cor. 12: 12-13,27); P.M.- “Not Just An Ark”

**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. Her scan showed the chemo is working! Praise God! Please keep praying for her and Dan.

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

**-Joyce Keyser**— Scans show no trace of cancer. We praise God for His loving kindness!

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

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

**-Kenny Jones**—now at home after rehab. Keep praying.

**-Wyatt Cox** (3 years old) -is continuing to do well following his third open heart surgery. --**Les Jewell** is continuing to improve following a recent brainstem stroke. It good to have him and Barbara back with us.

**-Ron and Carolyn Sommerville**—keep praying.

**-Brooklyn and Braelyn Sheffield** will have tonsillectomies and adenoids removed on August 23 at Children’s Hospital in Knoxville.

**-Larry Barnett’s** back surgery is scheduled for August 24.

**-Charles & Frances Copeland**- great granddaughter, **Madeline Grace Kirby**, is very ill with a genetic disorder. She has been moved to Alabama for a special treatment.

### 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 3 breast cancer. Double mastectomy was done recently.

**-B.W. Ausborn**, frequent visitors from Fulton, MS.—bladder cancer. His wife, Irene, has requested that we pray for him.

**-Rosemary Spivy**, Cathy Haynes’ mother—now at home.

**-Rick Cliett’s** niece, **Penny**—liver failure. She is doing a little better.

-Prayer request for **Tim Tolley**, Charlotte Jones’ brother/

**-Tyler Behel**, Al’s nephew, deployed to Iraq. Third deployment. Please pray for his safety.

### Special Events

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

**Sunday Adult Class**  
*Titus 1 —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 07/14/17 is **\$941,232.09**. 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).