

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### The Tyranny of The Urgent

Several years ago I read a booklet by Charles Hummel entitled, "The Tyranny of the Urgent." Its message was simple...we spend our time doing the urgent things in life instead of the important things. Urgent things can crowd out the things that really matter.

Isn't that the tragedy many of us experience each day? When the day is over and we look back at what was accomplished we are often disappointed to discover that most of what we did that day was to put out fires, deal with unexpected interruptions, and let the important things slide. Like children at play much of our activity is without visible results.

Sometimes it's hard to distinguish between the urgent and the important. Studies show that many corporate employees experience enormous job stress because the urgent is so demanding that there is little time to do the important. Simply stated, it is important to do the urgent.

What is really important in your life? What are the most important demands for your time and energy? Is serving God the most important commitment of your day? Jesus came with one mission. He never lost sight of his goal to bring salvation to us. He asks that we place him and his kingdom first in our lives.

—Al Behel

### OTHER SICK AND NEWS

**-Hal Elkins**, Tom's brother, is very ill with cancer. Hospice has been called in. Tom visited with him Friday and Saturday and had the tremendous pleasure of baptizing Hal into Christ. We rejoice with his decision. Please pray for him and his family.

**-Bill Sears**, son of Patsy Bevis, has been declared free of colon cancer.

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

### EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSIONS MILLION DOLLAR SUNDAY

We will have a special collection today to help meet the goal of \$2.3 Million Dollars by the end of 2017 to provide Bibles and related literature for schools in Ukraine, Greece, Croatia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, and Romania. Please plan to give generously. We will pass the baskets twice with the second collection going in its entirety to help with this wonderful opportunity.

Leading our song service this morning is **Glenn Tomblin**, who is visiting here with his wife, **Sharron**. They attend the Fry Road Church of Christ in Houston.

### Picture Time

In order to make it easier to identify everyone and to meet a request by visitors, we are in the process of preparing a pictorial bulletin board in the hallway to the right of the front lobby. Bryan Kendrick, Marijane Hill, and Tracey Kihlberg will begin taking pictures TODAY of members in the fellowship hall. Please sign the list in the front lobby to indicate the time you wish to have yours taken. Those unable to have one taken may submit a 4x6 print to be used. If you have questions please see Beth Hayes who is coordinating the picture project. Each picture will be mounted using an easy to use plastic sleeve allowing for convenient rearranging when changes need to be made.



**Food Contact For Month:** Patty Adair

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

**Sermon Topics:** A.M.—"How To Win Over The Devil, No 2" (1 Peter 5:6-11)  
P.M.— "Destructive Attitudes: Pride, Our Most Deadly Sin"

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.

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

**-Wyatt Cox** (3 years old) -is continuing to do well following his third open heart surgery.

**-Les Jewell** continuing to improve following a recent brainstem stroke.

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

**-Larry Barnett** is now at home and feeling much better.

**-Hubert Compton** is scheduled for serious surgery to remove a growth in his neck on Tuesday, Sept. 26. He will be at LeConte.

**-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.

**-Nita Watern**, Brenda Scott's niece, is now in Hospice care for cancer.

**-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.

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

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

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

**-Ladies Bible Class Resumes:** The ladies Bible class meets on first and third Tuesdays. Polly Cline is leading a study on "Hunger In My Soul-The Intentional God"

**Baptistery Replacement:** Tom Elkins is in the process of removing our old baptistery and replacing it with a new one due to continued leaks and dysfunction of the heater. The process will take a few weeks. Meanwhile, we have other arrangements for baptisms.

**Grief Group-Patty Adair** begins Oct. 5 at 10 a.m. for six weeks of two hour sessions—see Patty for more information.

**Legos**-any outgrown sets please give to Patty for the K-1 classes.

### Special Events

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

**Sunday Adult Class**  
Titus 1 —Al Behel

**Wednesday Night Class**  
"Sermon on the Mount"  
Rick Cliett

### 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 09/15/17 is **\$937,556.96**. 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).