

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory

In 1861, during the dark days of the Civil War, author and lecturer Julia Ward Howe was visiting Washington, D.C. and toured a nearby Union Army Camp on the Potomac River. There she observed soldiers singing a tribute to John Brown, a civil rights advocate who was hanged in 1859 for trying to lead an insurrection of slaves at Harper's Ferry. The words to that song, "John Brown's body lies a-mold'ring in the Grave" formed the impetus for Howe to write:

*"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on."*

This verse, along with three others to the song that we now know as the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," calls for us to recognize that no matter how dark the hour, no matter how evil man becomes, no matter what forces we face, our God marches on to a day when He will right the wrongs of all the ages.


This was the message of the prophet Habakkuk to Judah. He warned of the impending captivity and slavery imposed by the Babylonians...but that there would come a day when God would march and "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord" (Hab. 2:14). He rules the earth from His "holy temple" (v. 20), and will trample out "the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored." He will sift the hearts of men before His judgment seat...and extend grace to those who have been freed from the slavery of sin. Hence, "as He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, while God is marching on!" Our God is always in control. We need not fear evil men who would try to destroy all that is holy.

—Al Behel

### Other News

**Connie Randolph**, friend of Esther and Skip, is starting a 28 day radiation treatment on Feb. 14. She lives in Indiana.

GSM Church of Christ Ladies Day  
March 24  
RSVP 865-640-1736

 **Bottles of Love—Help The Newborns and School Clothing Drive:** This wonderful fund drive begins today through the last Sunday in March. Please pick up your bottle and fill it with coins or green stuff so we can provide blankets and clothing for newborns at LeConte Hospital and assist the local schools with clothes for children in need.

Winter Quarter 2018!

(January 7th through March 25th)

The Good, the Bad, and the VERY Bad!

Prophets & Kings of the Northern Kingdom of Israel

**Don't miss a single Sunday!**

For Grades K –Teens Sundays from 9:30 a.m.-10:20 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall TEAM TEACHING WITH THE TEENS Bible Skits, Puppet Shows, Songs, Games, & Activities! Adult Teachers: Mark Haynes & Marc & Sue Hayes

**Food Contact For Month:** Esther Stewart & Priscilla Dick

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

**Sermon Topics:** A.M.— "Contending For The Faith" (Jude 3-7)  
P.M.— "What Does Jesus See In You?"

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

### Our Known Sick

**-Dez Anderson—** is home and will be receiving in-home health care. She is having a hard time. Please keep praying for her and Jim.

**-Sheryle and Dan Elkins—** now living in Franklin and are slowly improving. Their address is: 870 Oak Meadow Dr., Apt. #3405, Franklin, TN 37064. Both really need our prayers.

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

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

**-Linda Valentine** is now at home and doing much better. She will be required to stay on oxygen 24 hours a day.

**-Doug Hill** has been at UT Medical Center for two weeks for treatment of Cellulitis. He started experiencing some internal blood loss and has received treatment for that. Good news—Doug went home Saturday.

**-Abby Haynes**, (Hunter's wife) is battling a very serious case of Lyme Disease. Keep her in prayer.

**-Bill Shirley** (DeEtte's husband) - diagnosed with cancer in his right lung. No treatment is planned. Keep Bill and DeEtte in prayer.

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

### Friends and Family News/Prayer Requests

**-Rosemary Spivy**, mother of Cathy Haynes, is scheduled for a mastectomy for cancer on February 28. Please keep her in prayer.

**-Keeley Chambers**, Shirley Harmon's granddaughter, in Quanco, VA is being treated for several issues, including some heart issues, immune disorder, among others. She is to see another cardiologist and endocrinologist. Shirley has been with her since Thanksgiving.

--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**, niece of the Tollivers, battling cancer.

**Church Directory App:** Please see Mark Haynes or Marti Cantrell for assistance. Changes or corrections can be emailed to Linda Behel or Haynes at [lbehel@ix.netcom.com](mailto:lbehel@ix.netcom.com) or [m47haynes@gmail.com](mailto:m47haynes@gmail.com)

+See bulletin board in foyer or check email for additional prayer needs

**Sunday Adult Class**  
Philemon —Al Behel

**Wednesday Night Class**  
Danny Cline is leading our study

**Ladies-Bible class-1st/3rd Tues.**  
"Hunger In My Soul: I Will Be Your God, You Will Be My People" - Polly Cline will lead the study.

**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 1/21/18 is **\$912,844.39**. 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).