

NEWSLINE

Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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When Is Enough Enough?

"Godliness with contentment is great gain" (1 Timothy 6:6)

How much is enough? I remember a news story a few years ago about a philanthropist who gave away about 40 million dollars each year. When the reporter asked him why he gave away so much he replied, "I can only sleep in one bed at a time." I think that was his way of saying that when you have what you need anything more is excess.

One of Satan's greatest deceptions is to tell us that we don't have enough. We don't have enough money, enough pleasure, enough time, enough success. He even tries to convince us that we don't have enough love...that we should always be looking for more.

Notice that Paul's message to the young preacher was, "*Godliness with content is great gain.*" Without godliness we don't have enough. Satan isn't exactly wrong about that. Without God we will always try to fill our lives with things which deteriorate with use, people who leave us, pleasures that vanish, and stuff to make us believe that we are really happy. Without God I am empty.


With God filling our hearts and lives we are truly content. We know that things are temporary and success is illusive. In Him we have peace and find real meaning in life. We have riches which cannot be measured by bank balances nor stolen by thieves. We have joy unspeakable and contentment with whatever God gives us. Our happiness rests on His grace which is sufficient and His love which never ends.

—Al Behel

Other News

-**New Ladies Ministry** is beginning. This is an opportunity to minister to other women in the church family. Place your name in the yellow box in the foyer. You will be contacted.

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

 **Bottles of Love—Help The Newborns:** This wonderful fund drive begins today. 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.

- **Mark Your Calendar**— Fellowship meal after morning worship, March 11.

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 and Pricilla Dick

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

Sermon Topics: A.M.— "What The Apostles Preached About Jesus" (Jude 3-7)
P.M.— "There's A Great Day Coming"

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.

-**Donna Walker** will be evaluated further for some spots in her lungs. Prayers are appreciated.

-**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.

-**Doug Hill**—Good to see him back in worship with us.

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

-**Bill Shirley** (DeEtt's husband) - diagnosed with cancer in his right lung. He is now on hospice. Keep Bill and DeEtt in prayer.

Friends and Family News/Prayer Requests

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

-Leah's daughter, Lyda, is scheduled for a partial hysterectomy on March 19. She has a growth that is expected to be benign.

-**Keeley Chambers**, Shirley Harmon's granddaughter, in Quanco, VA is being treated for several issues. Cards may be sent to Keely to: Jared Chambers, For: Keely Chambers, 13404 Windrich St., Quantico, VA 22134-4202.

--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, is battling breast cancer.

-**Connie Randolph**, friend of Esther and Skip, will have 28 days of radiation treatment for uterine cancer. She lives in Indiana.

-**Moving— The Hawkes:** "Our family will be moving but we would like to say thank you for all your love and support during our time here...Love, Otis, Bren, Austin, and Josh". Their new address wis 154 N. Carolina Ave., Henderson, TN 38340. They will be greatly missed and our prayers go with them.

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

If you have announcements for the bulletin please send to Linda or Al.

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

Building Fund

Loan balance on 02/16/18 is **\$908,076.29**. 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.

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

CDs and DVDs of Sermons are available free at sound booth. Also available on the website at: www.greatsmokymountainschurchofchrist.com.