

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### Are You A Groundhog Christian?

Groundhogs are interesting creatures. We all wait for Groundhog's Day when the alleged prognosticator will emerge from his den to see his shadow and forecast six more weeks of bad weather. During the months before February 2, the infamous creature has buried into the earth and fallen into a deep sleep which resembles a coma. His temperature drops to slightly above freezing and he is zoned out for the winter.

Some Christians seem to go into a similar hibernation. Their service to God is suspended as they appear to take a long winter-nap. The late evangelist, Marshall Keeble, used to say of Christians, "Many are cold, but a few are frozen!"

There is no time in the Christian's life when his or her service should be put on hold...no time for a vacation from worship, or when we can just step back from our commitment to Jesus. When we accepted discipleship we entered a life-long contract to serve Him day and night. There are no breaks, no time for hibernation. Our service never stops.

My need for God's presence is continuous throughout life. I should not expect Him to be there for me at every moment of life, through every crisis or every need, if I am not available to Him. When I go into hibernation my spiritual temperature drops to a life-threatening level and I am isolated and alone. I need to emerge again and see the light of His Son.

Are you a hibernating Christian? Have you taken a break from active duty. Don't just look back at the "good old days" when you were awake and a vibrant servant of Jesus. Get out of your cave and start moving and let God use you again to His glory and honor. Jesus said he would come "like a thief" and "blessed is he who is awake" when he returns (Rev. 16:15).

—Al Behel

### Other News

**Connie Randolph**, friend of Esther and Skip, is starting a 28 day radiation treatment in Feb. 24. She lives in Indiana.

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

**Super Bowl Party:** tonight following worship. This will be a potluck dinner and Super Bowl watching for those who wish to stay. You may come and eat or come and stay. Please come and share the fun.

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:** Leah Turner

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

**Sermon Topics:** A.M.— "Worship In The New Testament Church" (Acts 20:7-12)  
P.M.— "Playing To Win The Trophy"

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. The doctors have now determined that she did not have a heart attack and is not diabetic. She had an incident with her heart likely due to her struggling with a low oxygen level. She will be required to stay on oxygen 24 hours a day.

**-Doug Hill** is in UT Medical Center with Cellulitis. He is experiencing some internal blood loss and was placed in ICU Saturday afternoon in order to determine if there is an ulcer involved or other source.

**-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, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Treatment options are to be addressed on Monday.

**-Keeley Chambers**, Shirley Harmon's granddaughter, is receiving treatment in Quanico, VA for an elevated pulse rate (140). She is to be transported to another hospital. Shirley has been with her for about three months taking care of her children.

**-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.

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