

NEWSLINE

Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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What It Means To Be God's People

"Once you were no people, but now you are God's people..." (1 Peter 2:10)

The apostle Peter knew what it meant to belong to God. He knew that following Christ required severing connection with the world. He no longer was a part of Satan's family, but he was a child of God and a member of the family of God. What a distinction! What an honor!

Once we did not belong to God because we were alienated from Him. We lived in darkness and followed the world's practices and thought nothing of it. We accepted the world's standards and lived by the world's values.

But we embraced Jesus as Lord! We proclaimed that we would be his disciples and teach the world of his saving grace. But some professed disciples want to live in the kingdom but still walk according to the world's customs and traditions. To them involvement in church life and worship is optional.

Followers of Jesus must resist the tendency to observe and practice the traditions of the world when they conflict with their allegiance to Christ. Observing religious celebrations which are not of Biblical origin is a failure to recognize the authority of Scripture and the distinctiveness of the Lordship of Jesus. Our identity is not denominational and our practices must reflect apostolic doctrine and the example of the early church.

—Al Behel

Other News

-Madison Barnett was in Vanderbilt Hospital this week for tests with no determination being made as to the root of her health issues. She is scheduled to go back for more tests on April 19.

-Helen Barnett is scheduled for overnight bladder surgery on April 4th at UT Hospital.

-Larry Barnett is experiencing enormous back pain and plans to be evaluated by a neurosurgeon soon.

-Donna Walker is undergoing several procedures to evaluate some tumors.

GSM Church of Christ Ladies Day
March 24
RSVP 865-640-1736
Kathy Iverson, Speaker

Bottles of Love—Help The Newborns: This wonderful fund drive ends at the end of this month. 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.

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

Food Contact For Month: Linda Valentine and Polly Cline

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

Sermon Topics: A.M.—"Contending for the Faith: Eating At The King's Table"(Acts 2:42;Lk. 14:14-20;1 Cor. 11:23-29) P.M.—"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

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— 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—recovering from a severe neck injury sustained in an auto accident in October. He was able to come to worship a couple of weeks ago. Keep praying for a full recovery.

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

-Janette Dyer facing several medical procedures and foot surgery.

Friends and Family News/Prayer Requests

-Rosemary Spivy, mother of Cathy Haynes, is recovering from mastectomy surgery. 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 Quanico, 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.

-Jessica Anderson, niece of the Tollivers, is battling breast cancer.

-Connie Randolph, friend of Esther and Skip, being treated with radiation. She lives in Indiana.

Other News & Events

-Food Drive for Tennessee Children's Home East: Please bring your food items and put them in the container in the mail foyer. The drive goes through the end of March.

"Ladies"

The "New Ladies Ministry", designed to strengthen and encourage our fellow sisters, will begin in the fall. Place your name in the yellow box on the table in the foyer. Contact Beth Hayes or Beverly Finnell for more information.

Potluck Fellowship Meal today in honor of Clietts after morning worship. Rick and Ginny will be moving to Boerne, TX on March 26. We will miss them deeply and pray God's blessing on them.

News for inclusion in bulletin should be sent to Al (865-250-10830 or Linda (865-310-0719).

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 03/14/18 is **\$903,290.03**. 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.