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Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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Special Fund Drive For India

You should have received a letter from the elders along with some pictures of the distribution of Covid supplies and other aid to our brothers and sisters in India. Raja is our native missionary in Rajahmundry, India and is doing a tremendous work for the kingdom. We sponsor and provide full support for Raja and his wonderful work. As you know, the Covid situation in India has escalated into a national crisis. We have been in close contact with Raja and have been made aware of a large number of Christians in the congregation there who are becoming severely ill and many have died. They do not have sufficient resources to face this situation alone.

We have already sent \$3,100 to purchase medical kits and oxygen for our brothers and sisters there. This is above and beyond our regular monthly support. Just this week the church family lost a brother and sister with Covid. In addition to Covid our sister had heart failure. Both were very strong members of the congregation there.

The need for assistance is enormous. The original goal, set by the elders, was \$5,000. Commitments of almost that much have already been made. Because the need is so great we are raising that goal to \$7,500. Your gift will help those who cannot help themselves. Please plan to give generously. More especially, please pray for relief from this horrible illness.

If you would like to donate by credit card or direct bank transfer you may go the front page of our website and click the "Give" button. Click the arrow beside "General Fund" and a drop-down list of choices will appear. Just select the "India Fund" designation for your gift. Thank you. —Al

Church Services

Collective Worship on May 16 at 10:30 am only. No evening services or Bible classes at this time except the teens will meet at 9:30 in the fellowship hall. For your own safety and that of other worshippers, please follow recommended guidelines.

-Online Worship each Sunday morning on Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ website, YouTube, and Facebook.

-Karen Ferguson, friend of Phil and Carolyn Collier and frequent visitors with us, is suffering from an evolving hemorrhage in the brain.

--Gilbert Behel, Al's brother, is home following cancer surgery. His doctor says he is now cancer free. Thank you for praying for him

-Carolyn Collier fell on Wednesday and broke her hip in Athen, AL. They spend part of their time with us at the GSM church. Please pray for rapid healing.

-Pris Dick-continuing treatment for cancer. Prayers continue for her and Gary.

-Mark Haynes-keep him in prayer as he awaits test results for problems with his esophagus.

-Alan Cox—scheduled for knee surgery on June 3 to repair a torn ACL, meniscus, and ligaments on the sides of his knee.

-Please pray for our missionary (Raja), his family, and our brothers and sisters in India. They are suffering unimaginable effects of Covid, poverty, disease, and job losses. Many have died during this time. The GSM church supports Raja and has already sent additional funds to help with this crisis. A **second contribution** will be taken to assist with medical treatment kits and oxygen.

Our Known Sick

-Don Mayhall— still needs our prayers. His condition is fairly stable.

-Hubert Compton—recovering from hip replacement.

-June McGowen, is in Pigeon Forge Nursing Home. Her condition has deteriorated significantly over the past few months.

-Jeanette Dyer is struggling with several health issues.

-Linda Valentine— battling cancer.

-Anna Ruth Franklin— Prayers for several health issues.

Friends and Family News/Prayer Requests

-Carolyn Yates' daughter, Linda Wolf, - battling cancer

-Tracey's mom, Judy Pitt, is continuing to improve following colon cancer surgery. She still needs to gain weight to be able to receive needed treatment. Please keep Judy, Ron, Tracey, and their family in prayer. Her address is: Judy Pitt, 313 Monticello Rd., Franklin, TN 37064

-Treavor Hayes, 7 year old grandson of Marc and Sue—preliminary report shows that his tumors are stable. His ophthalmologist is not recommending chemo for tumor on optic nerve at this time.

-Jan Luft, sister of some of George and Melanie's best friends in Michigan (Jim and Kim), is not doing well. Chemo has been stopped. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Chris Heathcox, brother-in-law of Bryan and Beth, is sufferin from pancreatic cancer and is having to increase his chemotherapy. This is a hard time for him and his wife, Bena. Please keep Chris and Bena in your prayers along with their children.

-George Tolliver's sister, Mossie Simpson, is battling COPD and recently recovered from Covid. She is staying with her son. Prayers still needed.

-Reggie Webber and his wife Judy. Is responding well to chemotherapy. They are friends of George and Melanie Tolliver and have visited our services in the past. Their address is 1503 Landmark, Sevierville, TN 37862.

Sunday AM Online Worship & Bible Class

Al is teaching an online Bible class on Sunday mornings that can be accessed beginning at 9:30 am. Current study is The Sermon on the Mount. Log in at www.greatsmokymountainschurchofchrist.com

Wednesday Night Bible Class

Danny Cline is leading our study in the gospel of Mark each Wednesday night by Zoom. Just respond to the email invitation to join the study at 6:45 each Wednesday night.

Ladies Bible Class

The weekly ladies class meets on Mondays from 6:45-7:45 pm EST by Zoom. Polly will be leading the study. Subject: "God's Unshakable Faithfulness." Please join in.

Teen Bible Class

Tomorrow at 9:30 in the fellowship hall. Jacob Forman will be leading the class

Current Building Loan Balance

\$703,517.67

Additional Contributions Appreciated

Please advise us of bulletin news and illnesses by noon on Saturdays. Notifications can be sent to acbehel@gmail.com.

New Request About Mailing List

We would like to discontinue the old mailing list. Please let us know if you are receiving email through gsmcocg@googlegroups.com please send us a confirmation to acbehel@gmail.com.

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Food Contact For Month: Tracey Kilberg

Elder Contact for Month: Mark Haynes (865-805-2293)

Online Sermon Topic: A.M.—"Great Women of the Bible-Jochebed" (Al)

In Person Worship: A.M.—"Great Women of the Bible-Jochebed" (Al)

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