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Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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Lest We Forget

Following the World Trade Center Disaster church building across America were packed. "God Bless America" signs appeared everywhere. Flags were flown on automobiles and in front yards. Citizens of New York requested, "Please don't forget us!"

But we have forgotten. Many have forgotten the enormous tragedy that occurred that day. We have forgotten our pleas to God to protect and bless America. No longer do the flags fly in our yards or on our cars. We have forgotten our need for God.

We are not alone. Israel forgot Him too. In spite of the warnings He gave them to "Be careful not to forget the Lord your God by failing to keep His commandments, ordinances, and statutes" (Deut. 8:11), after they entered the promised land, they forgot. They became consumed with their prosperity, their houses, and land. God blessed them, but they forgot.

God has blessed America. But we still have forgotten. We have forgotten His commandments, ordinances, and statutes. No longer do we look to His Word for guidance as a people. Instead, we listen to our own desires and wants and needs. Still, He has not forgotten. He has not forgotten His commandments or His warnings. He has not forgotten what He requires of us. The passage of time has not marred His memory.

We, on the other hand, have allowed the passage of time and our busy life-styles and personal interests to dampen our zeal and knowledge of God. We forget because we don't remind ourselves of His teachings or believe they still matter. But God doesn't forget. He hasn't forgotten Gethsemane. He hasn't forgotten Calvary.

Two thousand years haven't changed what He requires of us. His Word is always fresh and current. The story is old, but the Word is still new. Let's don't forget.

—Al

Church Services

Collective Worship on June 13 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. All services resume first Sunday of July.

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

-Sympathy To: Reba Perez. Oscar passed away a few days ago. He and Reba used to spend a lot of time with us. They lived in Dickson.

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

-Carolyn Collier is recovering from a broken her hip in Athen, AL. They spend part of their time with us at the GSM church.

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

-Mark Haynes-prayers as he awaits esophageal test results

-INDIA REPORT: Many people are still being served with Covid medical kits. Bible studies are being requested and several have been baptized into Christ. Thank you for caring.

-Join us in person for worship as we look at **Great Women of the Bible.**

We love our visitors! Let's make everyone feel the warmth of our church! Make a special effort to greet everyone!

Our Known Sick

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

-Hubert Compton—confined to home with health issues.

-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 home recovering from ileostomy reversal surgery and so far everything looks good. She is still weak and in a lot of pain. 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 suffering 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. She is staying with her son. Prayers still needed.

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

Not meeting during summer months of June and July

Teen Bible Class

Tomorrow at 9:30 in the fellowship hall.

Jacob Forman will be leading the class

Current Building Loan Balance

\$698,953.94

Additional Contributions Appreciated

Important Announcement From The Elders: Beginning on July 4th, we will resume all services including Sunday morning Bible classes, morning and evening worship, and our Wednesday evening classes. We hope everyone will plan to attend all services.

Ladies Drive-Thru Bridal Brunch

Ladies, please join us as we celebrate Miss Azlin Hitchcock with a drive-thru bridal shower on Saturday, July 10, from 10:00-11:30 am in the church parking lot. You drive up, greet our bride with your gift, and she will hand you a bridal brunch box. Please enter the parking lot on the South side (KOA side) and make a one-way line. Our bride and groom are registered at Amazon. RSVP by June 26 for accurate count. To Melanie: 865-444-5617 (or, mellstamper@gmail.com); Rita: 865-850-0288 (or, rmsgarrett@gmail.com); Sue: 731-6083401.

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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-Rahab" (Al)

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

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