

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### Jesus, I Give You Me!

A bus ministry worker knocked on the door of a house near their church building. A nine-year old boy came to the door. The worker asked if his parents were home. "No, they have gone away for the weekend. I am here with my little brother. I take care of him." Shocked that a nine-year old would be left in charge of his little brother for an entire weekend, the worker asked if he could pick him and his brother up for church the next day. The little boy was excited and said he had never been to church before. The worker told him about Jesus and how he gave himself for us. The child was moved by the story and was even more eager to go to church the next day.

The next morning at worship the children sat quietly in the pew listening but not understanding a lot of what they saw and heard. Finally, several men went to the front of the auditorium and picked up wooden plates which they started passing down the isles. The little boy watched intensely, trying to figure out what was happening. People were placing money in those plates. As the plate started down the pew where he was sitting, the little boy suddenly realized what was happening. "The people are giving money to Jesus!!"

As the plate passed by the little boy he fumbled to see if he could find any coins in his pocket, but there were none. He took hold of the plate and held it for several seconds before passing it to the next person. He kept watching as it went to the next rows behind him. Then, as if he couldn't stop himself, he rushed out of the pews into the aisle and asked the man with the plate to let him hold it. He took the plate, placed it on the floor and stepped into it. Looking upward, he said loudly, "Jesus, I give you me!!"

— Al

**Honduras:** Here is another picture of Martrina Rodriquez, 10 years old. Martrina was born with no hands. She is among countless people being helped through the GSM church. She takes care of her younger siblings while her mother works. Your gifts help Martrina's family and many others in Honduras facing unimaginable hardship. Thanks, Jim, for all your help and for sharing these photos with us. Special donations to help in Honduras are greatly appreciated.



### Church Services

**Collective Worship on January 31 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** is conducted each Sunday morning and is available by 10 a.m. Bible class and worship can be accessed at the bottom of the church web page using either the FB or YouTube icon. An opportunity to contribute is available online as well.

**-Prayer request** for Chase McNabb's cousin's father-spots found in his lungs.

**-Priscilla Dick** has been diagnosed with Lymphoma. She returns to Vanderbilt on February 3 to discuss treatment options. Keep Pris and Gary in your prayers.

### Our Known Sick

**-Doug Hill** suffered a stroke Friday night and was airlifted to UT Medical Center. He is struggling with speech but was able to walk a little. Keep praying for him, Mariejane, and family.

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

**-Hubert Compton**—recovering from hip replacement.

**-Carolyn Yates** is recovering at home from rotator cuff surgery. She appreciates the thoughts, prayers, cards, and food. Keep praying.

**-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. She appreciates the calls and assistance some have graciously provided.

**-Linda Valentine**—receiving treatment for cancer.

**-Anna Ruth Franklin**—Prayers for several health issues.

### Friends and Family News/Prayer Requests

**-Carolyn Yates' daughter, Linda Wolf**, - recovering from cancer

**-Tracey's mom, Judy Pitt**, underwent surgery on Friday for colon cancer. She is at Vanderbilt. Tracey with with her. Please keep Judy, Ron, Tracey, and their family in prayer.

**-June Frank Brooker**—prayers requested for her son who is hospitalized in Jackson, MS with pneumonia.

**-Melanie's brother** and sister-in-law and 2 of their 4 children have Covid

**-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 Covid and several other health issues. She is being moved to a nursing type facility that can care for Covid patients

**-Steve Higgenbotham**, minister of the Karns-battling cancer. Reports are encouraging.

**-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 in 1 Peter. Worship

Online Worship and Bible class available at  
[www.greatsmokymountainschurchofchrist.com](http://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 Cline will be leading the study of "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

\$717,117.62

Additional Contributions Appreciated

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**Food Contact For Month:** Tracey Kilberg

**Elder Contact for Month:** Jim Anderson (974-1067)

**Online Sermon Topic:** A.M—"Noah Dod Everything God Commanded" (Al)

**In -Person Worship:** Jacob Forman will speak: "Trust the Process: Daniel"

Archived sermons and Al's Blogs available at [albehel.com](http://albehel.com)