

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### The Ministry of Jesus

At the heart of Jesus' ministry is people. In fact, the entire ministry of Jesus is based on the idea that a person is the only thing in the world worth living for or dying for. We might say that Jesus related to people by utilizing the *people principle*.

People came to Jesus with their brokenness. They came with lives that were shattered by sin and despair, with dreams that had been torn apart, and hopes that were forever gone. They were hurting people. Lonely people. Alienated people. They came seeking.

But most did not come to him. He went looking for them. He searched for people who were lost but didn't know it. Others knew how empty their lives had been. But he always looked for people. People who would follow him.

He approached them on the basis of their needs. He challenged Nicodemus to be born again, a strange message to one who had attained the status of spiritual leader. He turned to a Samaritan woman who had lost her way and had tried to fill the emptiness with multiple failed relationships. He offered her living water.

We need to rediscover the *people principle*. Our mission is people. Not church buildings or church services. It's all about people. People God loves and for whom Jesus died. Some are rich. Some are poor. Some are kind, others are rude and self-centered. All are hurting. All are the people Jesus came to save. They are our mission too.

Jesus focused on people because he created them and loved them. He knew their enemy was intent on their destruction and still is. His mission led to a cross. And, so will ours.

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### Church Services

**Collective Worship on March 21 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.

**-Priscilla Dick** has been diagnosed with Lymphoma. She is receiving radiation treatment, Chemotherapy is planned after radiation. Keep praying for Gary and Pris.

**-Danny Cline-Good new!** No eye surgery will be required at this time.

**-Karen Ferguson**, friend of Phil and Carolyn Collier, is suffering from an evolving hemorrhage in the brain. Karen and her husband are members of the Hobbs St. church in Athens, AL. They have worshipped with us at GSM and are friends with Al.

**Congratulations! To Jacob Forman** on his new position at LeConte Medical Center. He will begin on Monday as Marketing Manager, one step below the vice-president. We are very happy for Jacob. He will now be able to work in Sevierville instead of traveling each day to West Knoxville.

**-Wyatt Cox** tested negative for Covid but has been quite sick this week. We are glad he is feeling better. His dad, Alan, severely injured his knee this week playing ball.

### Our Known Sick

**-Doug Hill** is doing well. And is able to be back in worship.

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

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

**-Carolyn Yates** is improving steadily from her recent shoulder 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.

**-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**, - battling cancer

**-Tracey's mom, Judy Pitt**, is at home following surgery for colon cancer. She is weak and struggling. She is receiving in-home nursing twice a week, PT, and OT twice a week. Please keep Judy, Ron, Tracey, and their family in prayer. Her address is: Judy Pitt, 313 Monticello Rd., Franklin, TN 37064

**-Trevor Hayes**, grandson of Marc and Sue, will be going to St. Jude's hospital in Memphis for evaluation and tests. Trevor is 7 years old.

**-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 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 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 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

\$707,990.91

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.—"Marks of a Christ-Follower" (Al)

**In -Person Worship:** A.M.—"Marks of a Christ-Follower" (Al)

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

**Sign In Front of A Church Building:** "God gave us mouths that close and ears that don't—That may tell us something"