

NEWSLINE

Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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Ice Cream May Warm Your Soul

Eating in a restaurant with his parents a little 6-year old boy was asked to say the prayer. "Thank you for the food", he said, and then added "I would even thank you more if mom got us some ice cream. Amen!"

A woman nearby was heard to say indignantly, "That's what's wrong with his country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. The thought of it! Asking God for ice cream!" The little boy heard her criticism and as he burst into tears an elderly man came by and whispered to the little boy, "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream can be good for the soul sometimes."

When their dessert arrived, the boy picked up his sundae and walked over to the lady's table and placed it in front of her and smiled, "This is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes, and my soul is good already!"

I love children. They had a special place in the heart of Jesus. When his disciples criticized the children who came around him, Jesus picked them up and said, "Let the children come to me, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." He also said, "Their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven."

I think many of my prayers may sound like a child asking for ice cream, but He still listens and gives me whatever is good for my soul. I don't know much about what a child's angel does, but I do think they have them because Jesus said they did. Maybe they protect them, or help them when they are discouraged. Maybe they support them when some of us grown-ups say hurtful and insensitive things. I'm just glad they are there.

Does your soul need to be refreshed because you've forgotten what it like to have the faith of a child? Ice cream is no problem for God and the little boy knew it. Nothing is too small or too big for Him. Sometimes I wish I didn't want to know all the how's or why's about God. Sometimes I wish I would see Him again through the eyes of a child.

Next time you eat ice cream, remember the words of the little boy, "Ice cream is good for the soul, sometimes!"

___Al

Church Services

Collective Worship on April 18 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.

-Susan Forman recovering from knee surgery to repair a torn meniscus. **-Priscilla Dick**—receiving chemo for cancer. Keep praying for Gary and Pris.

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

-Dale Pendley recovering from 2nd and 3rd degree burns on face and head.

-Gilbert Behel, Al's brother, has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Surgery is planned.

Al Behel will be having knee replacement surgery on Monday. Danny Cline will be speaking the next two Sundays.

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— 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 recovering from colon cancer. She is weak but improving with some weight gain. Once she gains another 15 lbs corrective surgery can be performed. 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 in 2 Peter. Worship

Online Worship and Bible class available 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

\$707,990.91

Additional Contributions Appreciated

CHURCH MAILING LIST

We have had problems with our email server and some have not been receiving mail. To ensure that everyone is receiving mail we have created a new group. You may receive 2 copies for a while.

in turned to his younger brother and said,
Food Contact For Month: Tracey Kilberg

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

Online Sermon Topic: A.M.—"Who Are You Looking For?" (Al)

In -Person Worship: A.M.- "Who Are You Looking For?" (Al)

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