

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### Unity of Spirit

During World War II Ed Sullivan organized the entertainment program at Halloran General Hospital on Staten Island. This hospital served wounded servicemen returning from battle. Some soldiers had read that Jimmy Durante was in town and wondered if he would join the troupe.

Sullivan called Durante who was suffering from a bad cold and was scheduled to do two radio programs that day. To Sullivan's surprise, Durante said yes. The two men worked out a precise schedule which would allow Durante to do one performance and catch a ferry back to the city for the radio shows.

Durante was kept hidden in the general's office until it was time for him to go on. A ship load of wounded soldiers had just arrived and they were given the first two rows for the performance. When Sullivan introduced Durante the audience went wild. When he concluded his promised performance the applause was incredible. Durante continued through another performance, then another.

Backstage, Sullivan reminded Durante that he would miss his ferry and his radio shows. Durante asked Sullivan to look at two soldiers sitting on the front row. When Sullivan looked out he saw two soldiers sitting side by side. Each had lost an arm. Sitting beside each other they were able to use their existing hands and together they could applaud. That's why Durante couldn't leave.

That's how Christ's body should function. Each bringing what he or she can and adding it together so the whole body functions to the glory of Jesus. That is what Paul meant by maintaining "unity of the spirit" (Eph. 4:3). —Al

### Other News

**-Bre Barnett-**is scheduled for a heart ablation on September 1 at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. Bre had heart surgery when she was 5 months old and has continued to see a cardiologist since that time. Her latest visit revealed some palpitations and the doctor thinks an ablation is indicated. Please pray for Bre as she has this procedure. She is dear to all of us. She currently has strep throat.

**-Tom, Deb, Kristi, and Steven** were all diagnosed with covid this week. Deb was very sick last weekend but all are feeling better. They are improving and are expected to make a full recovery. They also think their great granddaughter had it as well.

**-Shannon Wade** also has covid and has been quite ill for the past few days. He reports that he is still feeling very rough with lots of severe headaches and intense coughing. He was supposed to have an MRI follow-up for his brain tumors. Please keep Shannon in your prayers.

**-Skip Stewart-** will have a stent placed in his right carotid artery surgery August 25. He is having episodes of dizziness. Prayers are appreciated.

**-Rick Cliett** is battling bladder cancer. He is awaiting surgery on September 10 as his surgeon is on vacation. He gets very tired. He is able to manage his discomfort as long as he doesn't overdo it. Surgery is planned for 2-3 weeks. Please keep them both in your prayers.

**-Pris Dick-**reports that she is feeling well and is awaiting her last chemo treatment for this round. She will then have a PET scan to determine if chemo is being effective in containing her cancer. Keep praying for her and Gary.

**-Steve Dick,** one of our former members, has been very ill with covid for the past two weeks. Keep Steve and Donna in your prayers.

**Online Worship:** Online worship and Bible class will continue for those who are not able to attend in-person worship. You may access these through [www.greatsmokymountainschurchofchrist.com](http://www.greatsmokymountainschurchofchrist.com).

### 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,** - declared cancer free. We give thanks to God.

**-Tracey's mom, Judy Pitt,** is continuing to improve slowly following her colon cancer surgery. 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 is receiving treatment through a port which has been installed to make his treatment easier. He has a tumor on optic nerve. Please keep him in prayer.

**-Prayers requested for the daughter and brother of Linda Boyers.** Linda has joined our online worship and Wednesday night Bible class for many months. Her daughter, Stephanie, is battling Melanoma and her brother is dealing with heart issues. He is doing better.

**-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. 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 Bible Class-9:30 am

"The Church in the Beginning-Acts" (Al Behel)

### Wednesday Night Bible Class-7 pm

"Colossians" (Danny Cline)

### Ladies Bible Class

Not meeting during summer months through July

### Teen Bible Class

Sunday and Wednesday - (Jacob Forman)

### Current Building Loan Balance

\$689,858.37

Additional Contributions Appreciated

### OPEN FOR ALL SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 am

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Evening Worship 6:pm

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Please join us as we re-open all services

### Scripture Thought

"Certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me!" (Psalm 66:19-20)

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

**Elder Contact for Month:** Marc Hayes (731-608-4148)

**Sermon Topic:** A.M—"Equipping The Saints" (Danny Cline)

**Evening Worship:** Jacob Forman will be our speaker

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