

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### “Give Me Tomorrow!”

During the Korean War the Fifth Company of Marines was compelled, with eighteen thousand men, to fight against more than a hundred thousand Chinese Communists. Marguerite Higgins, the Pulitzer prize winner, reported:

*“It was particularly cold...42 degrees below zero...that morning when reporters were standing around. The weary soldiers, half frozen, stood by their dirty trucks eating from tin cans. A huge marine was eating cold beans with his trench knife. His clothes were as stiff as a board. His face, covered with heavy beard, was crusted with mud. A correspondent asked him, ‘If I were God and could grant you anything you wished, what would you most like?’ The man stood motionless for a moment. Then he raised his head and replied, ‘Give me tomorrow!’”*

Longfellow once said:

*“Art is long, and time is fleeting, and our hearts, though stout and brave, still, like muffled drums, are beating funeral marches to the grave.”*

Philosophers and critics of Christianity have often doomed us to disappointment. Staring at the moving edge of time, they cringe and say with Nietzsche, “Where is my home? For it do I ask and seek, and have sought, but have not found it. O eternal everywhere, O eternal nowhere, O eternal in vain!”

Robert Ingersol, the noted infidel of the 19th century, looking toward the emptiness of eternity, cried:

*“Life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud and the only answer is the echo of our wailing cry.”*

Henry David Thoreau said, “I’m not interested in questions on immortality. One world at a time...that’s my motto. Do the duty that lies close at hand and don’t worry about the hereafter.”

All these answers leave us empty. What a person believes about the “hereafter” will affect how he lives here. We know death is a democracy which comes equally to us all and makes us all equal.

The key to tomorrow is found in the hope offered through Jesus. After demonstrating his power over death, he proclaimed, “I am He that lives, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for ever more. Amen. And I have the keys of hell and of death.” (Revelation 1:18).

He promised, “Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.” Jesus, alone, is able to give us hope for tomorrow.

—Al

### Other News

**-Skip Stewart**—Please keep Skip in your prayers as he has a pacemaker installed on Monday. We love and appreciate Skip and Esther for their good work and loving hearts.

**-Randy McCollum**, Al’s nephew, is hospitalized in Alabama with Covid pneumonia.

**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).

**Food Contact For Month:** Tracey Kihlberg

**Elder Contact for Month:** Marc Hayes, 732-608-4248

**Sermon Topics:** A.M.—“Why Be A Church Member” (Al)  
P.M.—“Who’s Your Father?” (Al)

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

-**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 hm 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.

-**George Tolliver’s sister, Mossie Simpson**, is battling COPD. She is staying with her son. Prayers still needed.

-Shannon Wade requests prayers for **Harley Tucker**, who is a 24 year old friend of their family. She just started chemo for breast cancer. She lives in MS.

-**Rick Cliett** is battling bladder cancer and is now hospitalized in San Antonio, TX. His cancer has metastasized and is in lymph nodes. He has been battling some infections this week. Treatment options will be evaluated. Please keep Rick and Ginny in your prayers. Rick is a former elder at the GSM church. They are deeply loved by us.

-**Priscilla Dick**, former member, is dealing with cancer but reports that she is feeling better. She has completed her chemotherapy. Keep praying for her and Gary.

### Food Drive

We are again participating in Tennessee Children’s Home East (in Knoxville) food drive. A collection container is located in the front foyer. Thanks to Beth Hayes for overseeing this project. She has placed a list of needed items in the foyer. Please see her if you have questions. The truck will pick up the items we have collected on Tuesday, Sept. 28. The children’s home serves neglected, abandoned, and abused children. Your donations will help defray costs of providing service.



**Sunday Adult Class**  
*A Study in Acts*  
Al Behel

**Teen Class**  
Jacob Forman

**Wednesday Night Class**  
Danny Cline—Colossians

**Monday Night Ladies Study**  
“O To Be Like Thee”  
Polly Cline  
**Zoom Bible Class Each Monday**  
Night 6:45-7:45  
Follow Email Instructions

**Building Loan Balance**  
\$667,683.32

Additional contributions to building fund are appreciated

### Times of Services

Sunday A.M.  
Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Sunday P.M. 6:00 PM  
Wednesday 7:00 PM