

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### Honor The Face Of The Old Man

*"You shall rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man, and you shall fear your God: I am the Lord" (Leviticus 19:32)*

Growing old has mixed blessings. For many it means loneliness and isolation, failing health, and reduced income. The years have taken away the sense of purpose and usefulness. Now, few ask their advice or seek their company. Few stop to say "hello."

For others, growing old is a time of reflection and dignity. There is a sense of accomplishment and acceptance. Loved ones are near and dear. Time together is pleasant and meaningful. For them, the passing years bring pleasure and purpose.

Growing old in the church should be surrounded with honor and grace as the wisdom gleaned from past experiences lighten the path of those who follow. Old people in the church are not a burden, but a blessing. Their place is carved in years of faithful service and devotion with many battles fought and won for the Kingdom.

Our churches have grown and prospered because of the sacrifices and vision of those whose eyes are now dim. Those ears that now sport hearing aids have heard the deepest cries of lost mankind and responded with hearts that were full of the Spirit of God.

When Moses told us to rise up before the hoary (gray) head and honor the face of the old man, he was not telling us to pretend that we like gray hair and wrinkles. He is telling us to honor those lives for the example they have set and those heads because of the wisdom they have acquired over the years. He is telling us to give praise to those who deserve praise...to lift up those hands that are now physically weak but which once bore the weight of many souls. He is telling us to see the vision they have seen and capture the mission they have set before us.

—Al

### Other News

-**Mandi** has been experiencing episodes of fluctuating heart rate and nearly passing out. Her cardiologist has put her on medication to increase her sodium level. Keep her in prayer.

-**Bill Pierce**, father of **Carol Kizer** (wife of Nelson), has been placed in Smoky Mtn. Rehab Center in Pigeon Forge. Please keep this wonderful family in prayer.

-**Debbie Odom**, mother of Tricia Hayes, has been diagnosed with leukemia with only months to live. Please keep Tricia and her mother and family in prayer.

-The ladies of the GSM church are making **Christmas Care Bags** for children and teens in the PF area to be distributed by the police and fire departments. Tracey, Melanie and Tina are coordinating this effort. A list of items needed is on the ladies' bulletin board and table outside the sound room.

-**Eastern European Missions Contribution:** Last Sunday \$24,704.00 was donated to help place Bibles in the schools of Eastern Europe. This will purchase 4,940 Bibles and related literature. Thank you so much for your generosity!

**Online Worship:** Online worship and Bible class may be accessed at [www.greatsmokymountainschurchofchrist.com](http://www.greatsmokymountainschurchofchrist.com).

-**Al and Linda** will be away. **Danny Cline** will speak at both services.

**Food Contact For Month:** Tracey Kihlberg

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

**Sermon Topics:** A.M.- "With God As My Helper" (Danny Cline)

P.M.- "With Me As God's Helper" (Danny Cline)

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

### Our Known Sick

-**Hubert Compton**—in ICU at LeConte Medical Center with pneumonia, Sepsis, and a kidney infections. His condition is very serious. Please keep him and Jean in your prayers.

-**June McGowen**, is in Pigeon Forge Nursing Home. Her condition has deteriorated significantly over the past few months.

-**Linda Valentine**— battling cancer.

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

### Friends and Family News/Prayer Requests

-**Tracey's mom, Judy Pitt**— We are happy to report that she is now cancer free! We give God thanks!

-**Ronnie Pitt**, Tracey's dad, is being treated for A-Fib. Their address is: 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.

-**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. He is receiving chemo therapy and reports that the last week has been pretty rough. 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.

-**Cards For Covid Nurses**— Susan Forman has made 24 handmade cards for covid floor staff at LeConte which were taken there by Jacob. She asks prayers for God's blessings and protection of them. A note was added letting the staff know that we would be praying for them. Thanks to Jacob for his prayer outreach to the LeConte workers.

-Thank you to **Jacob Forman** for his hard work, not only as our youth minister, but as one of the administrators at LeConte Medical. Jacob has been carrying a double load at the hospital due to a shortage of critical support staff. He has covered much of the role that chaplains would normally fill. Thanks, Jacob!

### Potluck Dinner and Meetings—November 7th

Our first potluck dinner since Covid began will be Nov. 7 following morning worship. Bring your favorite dishes to share. If you prefer a brown bag, please feel free to bring it. The men and ladies will have their respective meetings immediately following the dinner. Plan to come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

### 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

**\$662,934.33**

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