



## News and Announcements

**Thank you to all that attended and helped  
with our Annual Fellowship Holiday Party.**

**Congratulations to  
Ethan and Caroline Memolo  
on purchasing their first home.  
Their new address:  
630 Cooke County Road  
Greenville, Tennessee 37743  
Phone number (731) 879-9230**

### Contacts For December

#### Elder Contacts

**Mark Haynes  
865-805-2293  
Marc Hayes  
731-608-4148**

#### Food Assistance

**Elora Crabtree  
News Contact  
Polly Cline  
Church Directory  
Rita Garrett**

#### Church Building

Loan Balance  
**\$543,489.69**

# Sunday

12/11/2022

# BULLETIN

**Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ**

## *Service Times:*

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning.....10:30a.m.

Sunday Night.....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m.



3078 Veterans Blvd. Pigeon Forge, TN 37863  
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Pigeon Forge, TN 37864  
865-428-9749

## Family and Friends Prayer Requests:

**We are thankful Cathy Haynes was able to go back to school on Thursday after an overnight stay in LeConte Tuesday due to very high blood pressure.**

**Heath Tolliver was able to receive chemo treatment in Nashville last week. Please continue to fervently pray for him, Melanie and George. (While some of us were decorating for the holiday party last week, George was blowing leaves from the parking lot...still serving the Lord in quiet ways.) Thank you!**

**We rejoice that Leif Kihlberg's eyes are improving after surgery last week, nurse Tracey reports:) We continue to ask God for healing.**

**Last week Marc and Sue Hayes' grandson Treavor, and his mother, Kelly, were at St. Jude's for an MRI testing of his inoperable tumor pressing on his visual nerve.. His parents have opted to continue with his weekly chemo treatments for another year as the MRI shows the brain tumor is stabilized. We thank God for this report & continue to keep them in our prayers.**

**Jeanette Dyer is closer to moving to Florida as her friend from Punta Gorda loaded his truck with her boxes last Tuesday. He will return later for furniture and will need some help from our men. We praise the Father for such provision. Meanwhile, her friends, June and Larry Waldron, have offered her a place to stay until she moves.**

**We have not heard any more from Raja about his wife's condition. Please remember them in your requests to God. They work hard for the Lord in India where there is much persecution.**

**"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (James 5:16).**

## **FROM THE WORD**

### **AUTHENTICITY**

**Romans 12:9**

**Learning an appreciation for the genuine doesn't come by intimacy with the phony. To spend most of your time with a sham does not promote expertness in the real.**

**A bogus-bill detective does not occupy himself with counterfeit money, learning all the imperfections to be aware of. He involves his senses with the perfect, and does that so completely, that the slightest deviation stands out like a neon sign when he comes across an illegal bill.**

**Hear the Word of God: "Abhor (shudder at) what is evil; cleave to (be glued, cemented) to what is good" (Romans 12:9). Abhor and adhere. Hear it again: "...examine everything carefully; hold fast (firmly) to what is good; abstain (hold yourself from) every form of evil" (I Thessalonians 5:21,22). Hold fast and hold firm.**

**Get the picture? Shiveringly restrained from the bad; firmly and inseparably attached to good. Can I develop good "taste" by clogging my "taste buds" with junk "food"? Will my love for the authentic be enhanced by living among the unauthentic?**

**Contrary to some beliefs, you don't enrich: your desire for your mate by being adulterous; Your selflessness by fraternizing the selfish; your generosity by affiliation with the stingy; your love for God by sinning; your depth of knowledge of God by reading everything but what He wrote...**

**As a matter of clear fact you will deteriorate into somewhat of an expert in the phony.**

**A young Chinese person who wanted to learn about jade went to study with a talented old teacher. This gentleman put a piece of the stone into the boy's hands and told him to hold it tight. Then he began to talk of philosophy, men, women, the sun and almost everything under it.**

**After an hour, he took back the stone and sent the boy home. The procedure was repeated for weeks. The boy became frustrated - when would he be told about jade? - but he was too polite to interrupt his venerable teacher. Then one day when the old man put a stone into his hands, the boy cried out instantly, "That's not jade!"**

**Danny Cline**