

# NEWSLINE

## Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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### When The Sun Goes Down

Sundown is a special time of day. It marks the ending of a day and the beginning of nighttime. For the farmer it signals the end of labor and preparation for the next day. It establishes a reference point for work accomplished and for work yet to be done.

No wonder Jesus said, "We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night comes when no man can work" (John 9:4). God designed the day for work and the night for rest. The day stands for opportunities for us to see the needs of lost humanity, and the night stands for the time when nothing more can be done.

There is an urgency about Jesus' message. The sun is setting for millions each day who will never again have an opportunity to hear the message of salvation. The sun is setting for those who labor in the "harvest fields", quickly moving us beyond the time when we can make a difference.

Each day brings new challenges and occasions where we can be instruments in the hand of God. An opportunity to speak a word, do a deed, or reach out with a loving heart. Each day we pass by hundreds of

people who need a kind word, or who need someone to lift their thoughts toward God.

When the sun goes down there will be no more chances, no more opportunities to serve. We "must" work the works of God while it is day. Our mission is to work God's work. Our goal is not to acquire power or possessions so we can live comfortably in a world of darkness, but to accomplish his work so we can live with him.

The apostle Paul challenges us to be "workers together with God" (2 Corinthians 6:1). Jesus said the fields are white to harvest and night is coming when no one can work. God's work is now. Not tomorrow or next week. He had strong words for those who would wait until their elderly parents had died, or who had other business dealings to take care of first.

Farmers in the past were proficient at looking at the sun in the sky and knowing how many hours of daylight were left. For some of us the sun is setting quickly. For others the day has just begun. But the work continues until there is no more light and no more opportunities. That's when God's work is done.

— Al Behel

### Other News

-Danny's eye surgery to correct a macular pucker in his right eye will be on Monday February 28 in Atlanta. They have to be at the Atlanta Retina Surgery Center at 8:45 am. Please keep Danny and Polly in your prayers.

-Jan Messick had carpal tunnel surgery last week. Please keep Jan in prayer as she recovers.

-R.L. Behel, Al's cousin was severely injured on Friday morning of last week in Greenhill, AL (Florence) when he was hit from behind on his tractor by a large box truck. He passed away on Monday. He and his wife, Virginia, have visited with us often over the past years.

-Jeanette Dyer—at the time the bulletin is being prepared our sister Jeanette Dyer is at LeConte Hospital with chest pain. Please keep her in prayer. You will be updated later.

**Sermon Topics:** A.M.— "Jesus Christ, No Ordinary Man, No. 4" (Al P.M.— "Jesus' Longest Recorded Prayer" (Al)

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Faulkner University Chorus

Friday, March 4, 7 pm

We are excited to have the Faulkner University Chorus visiting with us on Friday, March 4. This is part of their spring tour and we are honored to be part of their tour. If you have never heard one of our university choral groups sing, you will be in for a wonderful experience.

We thank Jacob Forman for arranging for the chorus' visit and arranging for lodging in member homes. We also thank those who will be preparing food for the group. Jacob is our youth minister and is a graduate student at Faulkner.

If you have not signed up to bring food, please sign up in the front lobby.

**Prayers for Ukraine:** We lift up our prayers for the people of Ukraine & our brothers and sisters in both Ukraine & Russia. **Mark Posey**, minister in Winfield, AL, is out of Ukraine and at the airport in Warsaw awaiting a flight home.

### Sunday Adult Class

*A Study in Acts*

Al Behel

Teen Class

Jacob Forman

Wednesday Night Class

Danny Cline—Colossians

Monday Night Ladies Study

Topic: "O To Be Like Thee"

Mondays, 6:45 pm

Teacher: Polly Cline

### 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

**Food Contact For Month:**

Polly Cline

**Elder Contact for Month:** Jim Anderson 865-924-1067

**Online worship:** available on church website or FB page

### Our Known Sick

**June McGowen**, is in Pigeon Forge Nursing Home.

-Linda Valentine— battling cancer.

-Anna Ruth Franklin— Prayers for several health issues.

### FRIENDS & FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS

-Keep Tracey's dad and mom, Ron and Judy Pitts, in your prayers.

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 him in prayer.

-George Tolliver's sister, Mosie 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 is battling breast cancer. She lives in MS.

-Tricia Hayes' mother, Debbie Odham, has been diagnosed with leukemia with only months to live. Her father is also struggling with COPD and is in critical condition. Please keep Tricia and her family in prayer.

-Larry Sanderson, Al's brother-in-law, lost a significant amount of his eyesight. We are happy to report that some of his sight is returning in one eye. Please keep Larry and Helen in your prayers.

### Fellowship Dinner & Meetings:

The ladies request that we resume our monthly dinner and meetings on Sunday, March 13.

**Men:** fellowship and sharing session each Tuesday night at 7 pm.

### Building Loan Balance

\$632,871.05

Additional contributions to building fund are appreciated

Archived sermons are available on the church website or at [albehel.com](http://albehel.com)