



News and Announcements

We extend sympathy to the family of Carol Summerville, a former member of our congregation, died in her sleep last week.

When their son arrives from Florida, he and Ron will set the time for her memorial service.

Next Fellowship Meal January 8th after Service.

Meetings for Men and Women will be following the fellowship meal.



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Sunday BULLETIN

Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

Service Times:

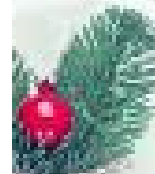
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

See to it that each day, feed
your soul with God's Word.
That way, you will not feel the
hunger. Stay full with God's
love. Happy New Year!



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Family and Friends Prayer Requests:

Heath, Melanie and George Tolliver continue to need our fervent prayers. Heath's chemo treatment is on-going in Nashville every other week.

Tina and Howard Yates are now looking at assisted living facilities nearby. Please keep them in your daily supplications to the Father.

We want to remember Jeanette Dyer who is now staying with her friends Larry and June Waldron in Knoxville. She has several doctor appointments scheduled for January before she moves to Florida.

Please continue to pray for Treaver Hayes, Raja and his wife and the work there in India with the young people, as well as Kendra Fout and her granddaughter, & Abigail Faith Stuteville's need for a kidney.

We continue to request the Lord on behalf of Linda and Larry Valentine; Anna Ruth Franklin; Cheryl McKerlie who lost her mother, June McGowen, week before last; Ronnie Pitt, Tracey's father; Leslie Henley; our young people, our missionaries and our nation.

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

FROM THE WORD

RECEPTION

“And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you received it not as the word of men but as it is in truth, the word of God, which is at work in you believers” (I Thessalonians 2:13).

Between a nice little reception of God’s word and a warm embrace of it lies the difference in dead religion and vibrant godliness.

Two kinds of “received” in our text reading: “when you received the word of God which you heard from us (“received” meaning you merely took it near to yourself), you received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God” (this “received” means you embraced it hospitably as a welcome guest).

The powerful, living word of God was at work in them. It was warmly taken into their bosom with full conviction, perfect certainty, and this quality reception changed their lives (I Thessalonians 1:5).

From idols they turned to serve the Living God (I Thessalonians 1:9).
Thessalonian Christians! Committed!

Much pressure (affliction) was all around, but the joy of the powerful Holy Spirit of God was inside (I Thessalonians 1:6)!

Many heard the same message these power-packed believers heard (Acts 17:1-4), but the pressure against hugging it intimately was too much.

And me? What pressures are exerted against my fully certain, fully welcome reception of all God’s truth?

Danny Cline