



# Messenger of Hope

Hope for Today Cancer Support Group, Inc.  
Monthly Newsletter      Web Site: hopefortoday.us

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105 KJV

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## Who WE Are.....



Hope for Today was established in June 1998 by Charlene Walker during her aggressive breast cancer treatments. The goal of Hope for Today is to help people affected by cancer enhance their health and well being through their participation in monthly meetings which provide education, hope, emotional support, and nourishment. All services are provided at no cost to cancer patients and their loved ones.

### Monthly Meetings

First Monday of each month  
(except holidays) 6:15 p.m.



### Free Transportation Provided to Monthly Meetings

Piney Grove Baptist Church bus will pick-up  
passengers at Broadway Towers at 5:45 p.m.

### Directions to Piney Grove Church

From Blount County Courthouse, go 1 mile on Court Street. Turn left on Wilkinson Pike and proceed 3½ miles. Turn right onto Blockhouse Road at Chilhowee View Community Center. Go one mile, Piney Grove Baptist Church is on left.

### Leadership:

**Charlene Walker**, Founder  
1949-2010.

**Frances Williamson**, Director, (865) 982-7872  
12 Year Breast Cancer Survivor

**Peggy Coffey**, Assistant Director, (865) 977-6405  
Thirteen Year Breast Cancer Survivor

**Pat Luckey** Assistant Director, (865) 660-6571 or  
238-4171, RN at Thompson Oncology Group,  
Blount Memorial Cancer Center

## Scheduled Functions.

**January 2, 2012 --- Sherri Word, Retail Pharmacist**, Vitamins: Which of these are right for you? Discussion topics: The roles certain vitamins play in our bodies and their usage in maintaining health and wellness.

**February 6, 2012 --- Valentine's Day Party.** Heaven's Highway will provide us inspiration.

**March 6, 2012 --- Bill Johnson, of Johnson Law Firm**, will be speaking on wills, durable powers of attorney and durable powers of attorney for health care.

**April 2, 2012 --- Dr. Matthew McCarty, Thompson Oncology.**

**Hope for Today** is a non-profit corporation with an IRS 501(C) 3 status. Your contributions are fully tax deductible to the amount allowed by law. All gifts and contributions appreciated.

## Update for December Meeting

We had a total attendance of 112 with one first time attendee and 47 cancer survivors. Thank yous to Chef Judy and the Piney Grove helpers for getting us in a festive mood with the decorations, and a wonderful meal of roast beef, potatoes, green beans and all the extras. As usual, the wonderful desserts, provided by our members were yummy. Thanks everyone.

We were smiling with The Sunshine Bunch from Ridgeview Baptist Church, and were blessed with a song from Danny Knouff and the reading of The Christmas Story. What a wonderful evening.

Some of our friends could use an extra prayer, or a friendly word, especially those folks in treatment and undergoing tests.

God's blessing to each of you. Pray for each other!

### **Hope for Today's Definition of a CANCER SURVIVOR:**

When you first hear the words from your doctor "YOU HAVE CANCER", you become a **SURVIVOR** at that moment!

### **Project "Hope Closer"**

Our group is collecting new and used items for cancer patients. You may bring the following to our next meeting: prosthesis, bras, wigs and turbans, etc. Director Lennis Walvoot

### **Project "Snack Baskets"**

#### ***In Memory of Debbie Motley***

Hope for Today has been providing snacks for the 3 oncology offices in Blount County for cancer patients while having chemotherapy and radiation. This will be an ongoing project for our group. If you could help in this great project, please bring the following individually wrapped items to our next meeting: peanut butter or cheese crackers, cakes, granola or fruit bars. Thank you for your donations in the past. Patients appreciate these snacks! Project "Snack Baskets" Director, Becky Reagan, 984-2576.

### **Project "Thinking of You"**

This project is monthly "get well" or "thinking of you" cards sent to cancer survivors having a difficult time. Thanks to Project Director, Aldie King and Assistant, Dorlis Waters.

### ***Blount Memorial Cancer Center's Upcoming Meetings***

#### ***Celebrate Life***

***Monday, Jan. 9, 10-11:30 a.m.***

More Information Call 865-977-5534

#### ***Quarterly Lymphedema Support Group***

More Information Call 980-5033

## Projects **HOPE** and **CARE**

### Help for Cancer Patients

**PROJECT HOPE** (Helping Oncology Patients Endure) Breast Cancer Patients Only (Grant from Knoxville Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen For The Cure).

**PROJECT CARE** (Caring Assistance and Relief for Emergencies) for other types of Cancers.

Referrals of cancer patients in need of help will be made by doctors, their staff or from Hope for Today to

**Project CARE Director: Peggy Coffey 983-4948**

The above projects provide financial assistance to under-insured, uninsured, unemployed, or otherwise needy cancer patients in Blount County.

Eligibility is limited to cancer patients currently in treatment, patients with a recurrence or patients with advanced disease with no insurance and/or low income. Documentation is required from physician. Financial assistance is as follows:

- Transportation expenses to medical appointments/treatments
- Rent/Mortgage payments
- Food
- Utility payments

### **Projects HOPE & CARE Updates**

***April 1, 2011 through November 30, 2011***

***HOPE assisted 24 patients in the amt of \$8,993.06.***

***April 1, 2011 through November 30, 2011***

***CARE helped 26 patients in the amt of \$11,948.38..***

Hope for Today has been awarded a grant for the **sixth** year from the Knoxville Affiliate, Susan G. Komen For The Cure for Project **HOPE** and we thank them.

We also appreciate the many hard working volunteers and contributors to our projects and fund raisers. We praise God for the mighty work He is doing in Hope for Today.

### **NEW FUNDRAISER PLANS**

Our bean and hotdog fundraiser will be held March 31, 2012, at William Blount High School from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Plan on attending, and let's make this another successful fundraiser.

### **Upcoming Community Groups**

**1st. Monday** Look Good & Feel Better Program for women cancer patients to help restore appearance and self-image. To register for this American Cancer Society sponsored program call 865-977-5534 Facilitated by Annette Manley, Joan Speck and Joyce DeVooght at Blount Memorial Cancer Center.

#### **3rd Monday**

"Prostate Cancer Support Group 7:00 p.m. Blount Memorial Cancer Center. For information, call Jeanie Green 659-1744. Date may change.

JUST ONE

One song can spark a moment,  
One flower can wake the dream  
    One tree can start a forest,  
    One bird can herald spring.

One smile begins a friendship,  
    One handclasp lifts a soul.  
One star can guide a ship at sea,  
    One word can frame the goal.

One vote can change a nation,  
    One sunbeam lights a room  
One candle wipes out darkness,  
    One laugh will conquer gloom.

One step must start each journey,  
One word must start each prayer.  
    One hope will raise our spirits,  
    One touch can show you care.

One voice can speak with wisdom,  
    One heart can know what's true,

One life can make a difference,  
    You see, it's up to you!

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*People are just about as happy as they make up their minds to be.*

*Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it.*

## GROUP PRAYER REQUESTS

Baker, Sharon  
Belitz, Celia  
Bennett, William C  
Benson, Elizabeth  
Berry, Joyce  
Boyd, Betty Ann  
Brewer, Diana  
Bright, Gary  
Carver, Mary  
Courier, Martha  
Cupp, Dorothy  
Dehart, Jack  
Edwards, Golda  
Edwards, Sue  
Eisenbary, Crystal  
England, Dennis  
Eubanks, Dena  
Eubanks, Melvin  
Fagg, Carl  
Ferguson, Jill  
Freeze, Hazel  
Gabe, Dennis  
Goff, Dorbiel  
Harris, Melissa  
Hicks, Marilyn  
Hoskins, Sharon  
Hubbard, Arlene  
Hubbard, Barbara  
Huskey, Lisa  
Jackson, Jan  
Jones, Deborah  
Jones, Ed  
Kerr, Ruth  
Krebs, Janet  
Lawson, Darunee  
Lawhon, Lloyd  
Ledbetter, Shirley  
Lowe, Terry  
Luster, Lorie  
Lyda, Mickey

Massey, Curtis  
Massie, Sandy  
McClusky, Carol  
Mink, Patricia  
Moore, Beth  
Morgan, James  
Nelson, Clifford  
Patty, Terry  
Ramsey, Sue  
Reagan, Joe H.  
Reed, Ruth  
Roberts, Susan  
Scharhag, Arthur  
Shipwash, Carol  
Suttles, Sammie  
Taylor, James  
Teffeteller, Dan  
Tinman, Jean  
Tyler, Johnny  
Williams, Roy  
Woods, Doris  
Wright, Allen & Mary

## COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUESTS

Anderson, Marie  
Abbott, Tommy  
Allen, William  
Arnold, Cindy  
Bayne, Edward  
Baynes, Kenny  
Baker, Angela  
Barbara, Lovella  
Barger, Emily  
Beard, Tom  
Best, Austin  
Bio, Debbie  
Bivens, Peggy  
Boling, Grace  
Bolinger, Danny  
Bolen, Anna

Boone, Eunice  
Boyd, Betty  
Burchfield, Marilyn  
Bowman, Beverly  
Boruff, Kim  
Bright, Susie  
Brown, Brenda  
Brown, Nancy  
Burchfield, Carolyn  
Burger, Diane  
Burgess, Mary  
Callin, Bertha  
Caldwell, Chet  
Carter, Charlotte  
Carvin, Mary  
Case, Brenda  
Charles, Betty  
Collins, Kennet  
Conant, Rebecca  
Cornwell, Max  
Cooper, David  
Cooper, Roy  
Crowe, Jim  
Darnell, Dale  
Deri, Anna Marie  
Donald, Steve  
Edington, Brenda  
Ellenburg, Dale  
Eller, Rory  
Everett, Gerald  
Flanning, Herman  
Gedding, Annie  
Gorley, Lawrence  
Gregory, Jack L  
Hall, Bobbie  
Hanle, Dorothy  
Harmon, Louise  
Haven, Alma  
Hearon, Norma  
Henry, Diane  
Hensley, Pam  
Herron, Norma  
Hester, Lisa  
Hipps, Joan  
Holly, Fran  
Hord, Connie  
Hoskins, Alice  
Howley, Todd  
Hubbard, Pat  
Ivens, Gerald  
Ivens, Joe  
Johnson, Babetta  
Johnson, Dianne  
Johnson, Joe  
Kerr, Mary Ruth  
Kebert, Greg  
Keister, Linda  
Key, Tammy  
Kirkland, Ersta  
Kirkland, Kathleen  
Kirkland, Mack

Lanogan, Irene  
Lawhorn, Edda  
Lawson, Kathy  
Lawson, Patty  
Lafollette, Bob  
Lillard, Marcella  
Loy, George  
Luster, Lori  
Lyntz, Gene  
Martin, Ginger  
Maider, Karen  
McCroskey, Ronnie  
Merriman, Sandy  
Miller, Deborah  
Morgan, Debbie  
Murphy, Von  
Nobles, Irene  
Noller, Marilyn  
Nook, Jane  
Owenby, Rebecca  
Patterson, Linda  
Perry, Judy  
Petrella, Cynthia  
Phinney, Patty  
Pierce, David  
Pitts, Jennifer  
Porter, Robin  
Price, Kristy  
Price, Sarah  
Rash, Judy  
Reavely, Wilma  
Redenbaugh, Betty  
Reynolds, Gladys  
Richinson, Jama  
Roberts, Betty  
Roberts, Mary  
Rollins, Randy  
Rose, Lorene  
Rosenberg, Carole  
Roy, Albert  
Russell, Betty  
Russell, Ronald  
Ryan, Shirley  
Savage, Alex  
Schering, Lois  
Sherwood, Barbara  
Shipp, Mary Jo  
Smith, Joann  
St. John, Mr.  
Stewart, Carolyn  
Stephens, Jesse  
Stinson, Randall  
Stoker, Moe  
Sullivan, Pam  
Taylor, Willene  
Thomas, Mary Nell  
Thomas, Naoma  
Thomas, Sue  
Tiefel, Mary  
Tilley, Dorothy

Tipton, Deanna  
Tipton, Joan  
Tipton, Nell  
Tucker, Jerry  
Wade, Betty  
Walker, Debbie  
Walker, Megan  
Walker, Ponitha  
Walker, Stanley  
Watkins, Dennis  
Watson, Sally  
West, David  
Weston, Johnny  
White, Kay  
White, Peggy  
Whitehead, Ginger  
William, Allen  
Williams, Evelyn  
Williams, Margaret  
Wilson, Joann  
Wilson, Linda  
Woods, Edith  
Womac, Dot  
Wright, Charlene  
Wright, Connie  
Wright, Shirley

## Bereaved Families

Neil Monaghan  
Dana Young

Please Call Peggy  
Coffey for Prayer List  
Additions or Changes  
at  
865-983-4948

We rejoice in hope  
of the glory of God  
Romans 5:5 KJV

Come to me, all  
who are weary and  
heavy laden, and I  
will give you rest.  
Matthew 11:28  
KJV