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New schedule for support meetings

There will not be a support meeting in either April or May. A quarterly schedule, rather than monthly, is being implemented.

The next support meeting will be held at the Multi-County Cancer Support Network office in Tullahoma on Thursday, June 2, 7:00 p.m.

Reminders

Camp Bluebird is scheduled in April.
Contact ibradfor@stthomas.org.

MCCSN hopes for more response from readers willing to use the website for reading the newsletter: www.mccsn.org.

If you would like to receive a notice each month when the newsletter has been posted to the website, notify the MCCSN office manager of your e-mail address.

Pick up MCCSN cookbooks at the office as gifts for weddings, birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions. Donations benefit people needing special assistance while receiving treatment for cancer.

Donations

Alto FCE Club

Alma Jo Sanders

Swinging Seniors Bowling League

All gifts, donations and memorials are deeply appreciated by MCCSN

Deepest Sympathy

to the families who have lost loved ones, including the families of

Joe Lloyd Bean

Carolyn Thomas

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to bind up the brokenhearted to comfort all that mourn"

Isaiah 61: 1, 2b

Folding day

for May newsletters

Tuesday, April 26, 9:00 a.m.

Your help is always needed and appreciated!



MCCSN Prayer List – Please pray for each person listed, their families and friends; your help in keeping MCCSN updated on the status of each one is appreciated.

<p>Altamont: Joanne Childers Patricia Myers</p> <p>Beechgrove: James C. Sherrill</p> <p>Beersheba: Hershel & Brenda Perry Jeff Spain</p> <p>Belvidere: Levi Howard Annie Dean King Ralph McGee Lynn Moss Gloria Simmons Marynell Stephens</p> <p>Coalmont: Amanda Bean</p> <p>Cowan: Tim Lewis</p> <p>Dayton: Verenda Skiles</p> <p>Dechard: James Champion Ida Hill Nancy Hopkins Bill Kelley Boston Mantooth Leslie Kinslow Nard Charles Neely</p> <p>Estill Springs: Joyce Archey Mary Cathey Gladys Dutz Henry Dutz Loretta Grant Mark A. Hill Sandra Hill Ann Hokirk Juanita Little Brian McDowell Elizabeth Peters Isabelle Rankin Billy Seals Marsha Ann Smith Elaine Weaver</p>	<p>Fayetteville: Becky Bankston Jim Chambers Bonnita Coulter Jeanette Keith Rachel Logan Frances Street</p> <p>Flintville: Jean Hall</p> <p>Gruetli-Laager: Geraldine Davis</p> <p>Hillsboro: Karen Barnes Billy L. Jones Kathy Webster Leland Whirrell Jasey Willis</p> <p>Huntland: Linda Baggett David Garner Lindsey Knoer Marie Moore</p> <p>Jasper: Tim Bowlin Allen Cash Delores Cash Brenda Johnson Cody Raulston</p> <p>Kelso: Janice May</p> <p>Lynchburg: Virginia Amacher Molly Johnston</p> <p>Manchester: Jeannie Bowling Martha Buckley David Fiske Bonnie Gallaway Judy Garner Barbara Hall Gary Hall Mary Ellen Hawthorne Gene & Lois Holmes Jess Lewis, Jr. Ruth Mankin Debra Moreau Tony Morris Nancy Orange</p>	<p>Manchester (cont'd) Connie Sargent Gerald Adair Sinkfield Jean Waits Frederica Williams</p> <p>McMinnville: Carolyn Ashburn Hunter Bernhardt Connie Holt</p> <p>Monteagle: Doris Guyear Lewis Layne Jan G. Taylor</p> <p>Murfreesboro: Terry Jolley</p> <p>Normandy: Edna Brazier Robbie Sheffield</p> <p>Sewanee: Janet Jacobs George Sargent, Jr. Dolores Snowden Clifford Tomes Linda Faye Weaver</p> <p>Shelbyville: Penny Barnes De De Bird-Reed Barbara B. Brown Danielle Crosslin Alice Davis Allen DeCosta Debbie Fanning Cara Lee Francis Mike Head Marilyn Heron David Knight Clarice Mallard Frank Mantanona Louise McAlister D. Richard McCabe Wanda Gail McPeak Lori Mitchell Lisa Pigg Lisa Renegar Debbie Rogers Eva Sherrill Karen Smotherman Loretta Trust Betty Turner Lydia White</p>	<p>Smithville: Katasha Leggett Barbara Morris</p> <p>South Pittsburg: Lois Jean Norman</p> <p>Tracy City: Reba Cash Ralph Jones Sue Parson</p> <p>Tullahoma: Stanley Anderson Tabitha Baskin Wendy Batson Jerry Bryant Frank Cantrell Billy Glenn Clark Mary Ruth Clark Carol Davis Nancy Davis Woody Dorrell, Jr. Juanita Dunlap Lisa Kay Hayes Mary Hice Carol Hogan Edna Jackson Eric Johnson Dawn Kane George Knoer Dan Langford Viva Mansfield Carolyn Michael James W. Moore Ray Morgan Jayron Morris Bettie Patton Alan Pegram Alice Saine Sandy Sebren Georgia Short Becky Snell Joyce Stafford Cheryl Underwood Peggy Underwood Elisabeth Zidan</p> <p>Wartrace: Casey Colvin Mary Floyd Debbie Hargrove</p> <p>Whitwell: Chris Caldwell Jacob Caldwell</p>	<p>Winchester: Josh Anderson Rebecca Baker Pam Burton Polly Ann Carleo Emily Carson Dot Cutrell Teresa Darvin Treica Davis Robert Everett Jackie Finney Donald Gipson Jo Ann Golder Dickie Hollis Janet Hudson Mike Hunt Patty Johnson Brenda Lines Richard Lockmiller Sunnys Mantooth Emily Moore Martha Moran Barbara B. Morris Eli Dexter Neyman II Wil Price Kim Ray Delbert Reed Kyle Reed Donna Sanders Dwight Schultz Helga Shockley Roy Tankersley Billy Wallace</p> <p>Out of State</p> <p>Georgia Larry Shelnut</p> <hr/> <p>“One may walk over the highest mountain one step at a time.”</p> <p>–John Wanamaker</p> <p>“Not everything that is faced can be changed. But nothing can be changed until it is faced.”</p> <p>–John Baldwin</p>
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Speaker retells experience

MCCSN appreciates Ann Smith sharing her experience with cancer at the March support meeting as the featured speaker and again for our newsletter readers.

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My name is Marcia "Ann" Smith and I am a cancer survivor. I have been married to my husband, Stan, for sixteen years. We have two beautiful children. Our oldest child, Jonathan, passed away over five years ago due to a very rare cancer and is waiting for us in heaven. Milly, who we had eighteen months after losing Jonathan, is almost four and a blessing from our Lord. I was a full time teacher last year while my husband finished his master's degree in education. I taught third grade at Decherd Elementary and enjoyed it very much.

However, the last day of school, after an x-ray, a procedure that drew off over two liters of fluid from my lungs and a cat scan, a large tumor was found on my diaphragm. Weeks later I would be diagnosed with thymic carcinoma, an even rarer cancer than our son's had been. After initial chemo the tumor only grew and surgery, although risky, was the only alternative to save my life. By this point I was on oxygen, my heart rate and blood pressure were all over the place, and fluid had had to be drained off two more times. My heart also had to be stopped and restarted twice to get my heart back in rhythm.

But in God's timing, the surgery was completed—removing all of the eight inch tumor. I was told it looked like a squashed football. Recovery took about eight weeks and scans were done before I started the chemo to get a baseline. Tumors had already grown back. Chemo was given and I only got worse. In fact, scans showed the tumors were growing. So my oncologist set me up with an Indiana specialist in my type

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## Memorials received

In Memory of Elaine Adams  
by Mary Bennett

In Memory of Joe Lloyd Bean  
by Willie Duckworth and family  
Larry & Linda Goodman

In Memory of Lonnie Ray Bradford  
by Dwaine & Shirley and  
Wiley & Mickey Baxter

In Memory of Ronnie Brannon  
by Mary Bennett

In Memory of Doris Brock  
by Sandra R. Gray

In Memory of Nancy Hamilton  
by Annette Ray Patrick

In Memory of Geneva Malone  
by Annette Ray Patrick

In Memory of J. B. Patton  
by David F. Eakins

In Memory of Marie Reynolds  
and Scott Carpenter  
by Elsie Reynolds

In Memory of Winn Ryan  
by Willie Duckworth and family

In Memory of Sterling Wayne Shelton  
by Mr. & Mrs. Don Bills

In Memory of Anne Simms  
by Annette Ray Patrick

In Memory of Don Ward  
by Vergie Schwartz  
Lois White

In Memory of H. E. West  
by Annette Ray Patrick

In Memory of Vera Worley  
by Claude & Pat Fletcher,  
Orvel & Sue Hastings,  
Tim & Sabra Hastings,  
Jewell Sullivan, and  
Ronnie & Pat Sullivan

## Speaker (. . . continued)

of cancer. The appointment was weeks away. In the meantime, the unsuccessful chemo was stopped. The Indiana doctor did give us a list of 5 chemos to try, but again the prognosis was not the best. So I went home discouraged but ready to start the new chemo. Since it had been a month, the oncologist again wanted to establish a baseline with another cat scan. But before the chemo got started, scans revealed the tumors had significantly shrunk and one tumor had disappeared completely. The doctor said she couldn't explain it. I could. It was God!

Since November I have been on this chemo and my tumors are still shrinking. Praise the Lord! In the beginning he gave Stan my job as my interim teacher. The Lord has provided for our needs physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We are so blessed to have such a strong support network, and we know the Lord will continue to do great things through this experience. The biggest miracle of all, though, is that he has given me such a sense of peace—the peace that passes all understanding. Then there is the joy—the joy that passes all understanding. Remember God can make a way when there seems to be no way. May God bless you in your journey as he has blessed me!

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## Share the word!

Please inform others, especially newcomers to your area, about the Multi-County Cancer Support Network and the services it provides. Also, tell them about the annual Walk-A-Thon held in September, which is one of the primary fundraisers.

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### **An Intercessory prayer**

Heavenly Father, whose Blessed Son our Lord took upon himself our infirmities and had compassion upon all sick and suffering folk; hear our prayer for all who suffer in body or mind or spirit.

Grant to them relief from pain, strength in their weakness, light in their darkness and, if it shall please thee, restoration to health.

Enable them now to trust thee though thy way is hidden from their sight; and let them know that peace which is the gift of thy Holy Spirit.

[Taken from a very old booklet entitled *Prayers for all Occasions*, published by The Forward Movement Publications, Cincinnati, Ohio. An Internet website shows it is not in copyright and that it is a publication of the Episcopal Church.]