

Prayer List

Debbie Caldwell, Ronald Carrigg, Diane Coleman, Brad Green, Ella Green, Cory Hillman, Bobby King, Juan Mandujano, Mary Lynn McAleer, Jay Montgomery, Tim Smith, Chris Stout, Jimmy Thompson

- Jerry Perkins, (Charles Hatcher's cousins husband) passed away yesterday.
- Juan Mandujano has another tumor.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, October 5	25/27/25
	Wednesday, October 8	24
Offering	Sunday, October 5	\$883.50

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes James Hutton

Morning Worship

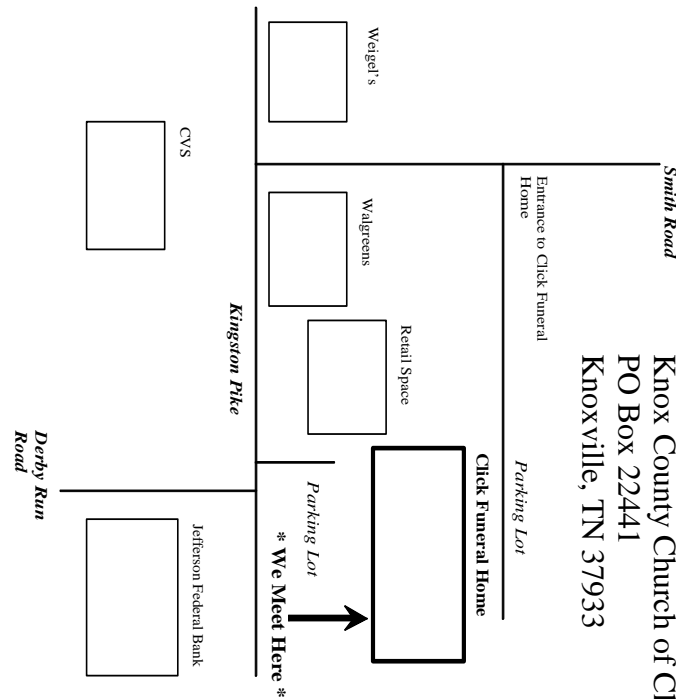
Announcements & First Prayer Charles Hatcher
 Songs Jay Caldwell
 Sermon Brad Green
 Lords Supper & Contribution Brian Carver
 Assisting Lance Green
 Closing Prayer James Hutton

Afternoon Worship

First Prayer Brian Carver
 Songs Keith Keever
 Sermon Brad Green
 Lord's Supper Charles Hatcher
 Closing Prayer Jay Caldwell

Wednesday Night

Songs Jay Caldwell
 First Prayer Keith Keever
 Devotional David Snyder
 Closing Prayer Lance Green



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Lower Level —
 Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel
 11915 Kingston Pike
 Farragut, TN 37934

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study.....9:30 AM
 Worship.....10:30AM & 1:30 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 PM



From The Preacher's Pen

WHAT TO DO WHEN THE SKY IS FALLING

(This article was written by brother Roelf Ruffner, preacher for the High Plains church of Christ in Cheyenne, WY.)

We all took notice this week as the economy of our nation worsened. The stock market continued to tumble, banks began to gobble each other up, financial credit became almost non-existent and politicians ran around in a panic blaming each other for the state of the economy. It reminds me how **fragile** human society is and how things can change quickly from stability to chaos. Yet for Christians and the Lord's Church these difficult times can also be an opportunity.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK INWARD

In the coming months our life may change dramatically. The job we depend upon, the way of life we have grown accustomed to and even the dwelling we live in may change. We may find fear growing in our minds. The Bible reminds us, *"Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanished away"* (James 4:14).

The child of God should use these times as an opportunity to grow **spiritually**. We can begin to draw closer to God by depending upon Him more and more. *"Give us each day our daily bread"* (Matt.6:11) should truly become our prayer and anticipation. We can also seek the bread of life which comes from God – the word of God. It will give us the **hope** and **courage** we need to face any situation. *"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leaven thee, nor forsake thee"*

(Heb.13:5).

Likewise the church can look to God's word once again and purge herself of sin and false doctrine. She can **repent** and become what God intended for her to be: *"a spiritual house, and an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ"* (1 Pet.2:5).

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL

For too long our nation has turned its attention to the material rather than the truly spiritual. Plenty and opportunity have **spoiled** our nation into thinking that God and the Bible do not matter. Instead, hedonism and apathy have ruled the day. But a change in one's financial situation can replace all that with insecurity and emptiness. Men and women may realize that their former lives were shallow and purposeless. *"And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger"* (Luke 15:16,17). Perhaps our countrymen will come to their senses and realize their need for their heavenly Father.

This is why every Christian should be prepared to feed hungry souls with the gospel of Christ. Let each of us be a **soul winner!** The church should not hide behind its doors but intensify its evangelistic efforts. This is the "work" of the church (Eph.3:10). Brethren, let us revive that 1-3 week Gospel Meeting of yesteryear! Preachers, let us preach the pure, **unadulterated** Bible to these folks. They don't need philosophy or psychological pep talks but a *"thus saith the Lord"* for their starving souls. Let us seek to have the gospel transform them from children of the devil to children of God (Rom.1:16; 6:17).

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OTHERS

In the future we may see a sharp increase in the truly needy and the homeless. What an opportunity to open up our hearts and wallets and show **Christian love** to our neighbor; especially if they are brethren (Gal.6:10)! I heard the financial counselor Dave Ramsey once say that he believed that the sole purpose of money was to help others. I believe that the Bible teaches this as well. *"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom"* (Luke 6:38). Brethren, let us use the **opportunities** the Lord gives us in this life to serve Him. Life is too short and eternity is too long to do otherwise.

-Roelf Ruffner

Announcements

- Our newspaper ad, "Bible Answers For Bible Questions," runs again Wednesday in the Community section of the Knoxville News Sentinel. It is the "introductory" ad inviting readers to send in questions. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to read the ad and send in questions. A few questions have already been received and we will begin printing these questions and answers in our next ad on Oct. 29.

Location

We meet in the lower level of Click Funeral Home in Farragut, which is located next to Walgreens at the intersection of Kingston Pike and Smith Road, and directly across from Jefferson Federal Bank.