

Prayer List

Linda Balthrop, Linda Brackett, Debbie Caldwell, Rashay Driscoll, Veronica Dupree, Nancy Glass, Lily Griswold, Ella Green, Jake Hanna, Gordon Hatcher, John Johnson, Brenda Levister, Mary Lynn McAleer, Jay Montgomery, Tony Priola, Tim Smith, Lisa Sollars mother, Chris Stout

- Martha Bentley continues to recover at Shannondale Health Care Center (Middlebrook Pike), Room 337.
- Ella Green had tests ran last week. They are awaiting the results.
- Tim Smith of Dothan, Alabama is in the hospital with pancreas problems.

Announcements

Our next Men's Meeting is tomorrow at 7 PM.

The Numbers

Attendance Sunday, November 29 41/42/34
Wednesday, December 2 23
Offering Sunday, November 29 \$1348.28

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Charles Hatcher
Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer Jay Caldwell
Songs Keith Keever
Sermon Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution Lance Green
Assistants Donald Shipley & Levy Cox
Closing Prayer David Snyder

Sunday Afternoon Worship

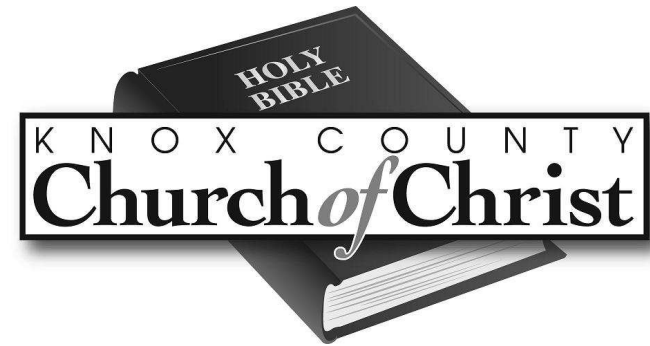
First Prayer Tommy Sanders
Songs Jay Caldwell
Sermon Brad Green
Lord's Supper Keith Keever
Closing Prayer Brian Carver

Wednesday Night

Songs Lance Green
First Prayer James Hutton
Devotional Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer Charles Hatcher

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Meeting Location:
130 Mabry Hood Road
Suite 102
Knoxville, TN 37922
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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

THE BLESSING OF LAW

Many in the religious world attempt to divorce God from law. The desire to do so stems from a disdain for “commandment-keeping.” It is impossible, however, to separate God from law. The laws of nature which govern the seasons, movement of planets, and the universe were spoken into existence by God (Psa. 33:6-9). Though being a faithful Christian entails more than just keeping commands, obedience to God’s law is necessary for salvation (John 14:15; Heb. 5:8-9). The contempt for law may derive from the heart that does not want to be bound or constrained by limitations. This manner of thinking leads one to consider law as a curse. True freedom, however, is not defined as the absence of boundaries or limitations. True freedom requires law. We can confidently and safely walk downtown because law keeps murderers and thieves off the streets. By following “the perfect law of liberty” (Jam. 1:25), we can “stand fast...in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage” (Gal. 5:1). Law is a blessing. Perhaps this fact can be illuminated by examining the consequences of denying that we are amenable to law.

First, if there is no law, there is no sin. The inspired John states, “sin is the transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4). Since “all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23), then law must exist. Second, without law, chaos reigns. The apostle Paul reminds us that “God is not the author of confusion, but of peace” (1 Cor. 14:33). If

God did not provide man a law by which to adhere, then man would be left to do that which is “right in his own eyes” (Jud. 21:25). I can think of nothing more chaotic than for every man to determine for himself what is right and what is wrong. Jeremiah proclaims, “O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps” (Jer. 10:23). Third, without law man could not know for sure if he is saved or lost. What a sad situation. Many find themselves in this situation because they reject law and rely on their “feelings.” No matter how saved one may “feel,” he cannot **know** he is saved without law.

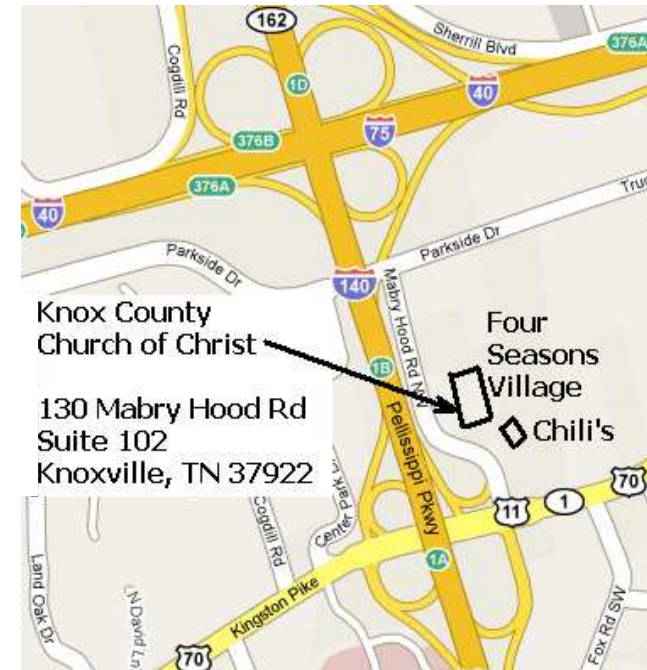
If one simply obeys the Gospel plan of salvation – hear (Rom. 10:17), believe (Heb. 11:6), repent (Luke 13:3), confess (Acts 8:36), be baptized (Acts 2:38), and live faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10) – then he can **know** that he is saved. Jesus implores, “if ye continue in My word, then are ye My disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:31-32). True freedom exists only if we obey the Word of God (i.e., God’s law), and if one is faithful to that law, he can know he is saved. Today, the New Testament, or law of Christ, is in effect, and to it we must be loyal and true.

We should be thankful that God has given us a law to govern our lives. The law of God provides peace instead of chaos, supplies us with God’s plan to save man, and gives us a standard by which we can determine our faithfulness and whereby we can know if we are saved. The law of God and His Christ is truly a blessing.

-- Brad Green

Our Location

We meet in Suite 102 of Four Seasons Village, at 130 Mabry Hood Road in Knoxville, TN. Coming from Kingston Pike, we are on the right just past Chili’s. Come and visit with us!



The Gospel Plan of Salvation

- HEAR the word of God; the Bible (Romans 10:17)
- BELIEVE the word of God and that Jesus is Lord (John 8:24; Hebrews 11:6)
- REPENT of sin (Acts 17:30)
- CONFESS that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (Matthew 10:32-33)
- BE BAPTIZED in order to receive remission of sins (Acts 2:38); in order to have past sins washed away (Acts 22:16); in order to get into the body of Christ, the church (Romans 6:3-4; Acts 2:47); in order to be saved (Mark 16:15-16; 1 Peter 3:21)
- LIVE FAITHFULLY in accordance with God’s word (1 John 1:6-9; Revelation 2:10)