

## 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 home.
- Diane Capps continues to recover from an extended sickness.
- Andy and Jennifer Price, neighbors of the Carvers, are expecting a child and the doctors expect that she will miscarry.

## The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, January 3	31/31/29
	Wednesday, January 6	22
Offering	Sunday, January 3	\$1099.00

## Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes    Barry Simmons

### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer    Tommy Sanders  
 Songs    Jay Caldwell  
 Sermon    Brad Green  
 Lord's Supper & Contribution    Keith Keever  
 Assistants    Donald Shipley & Levy Cox  
 Closing Prayer    James Hutton

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

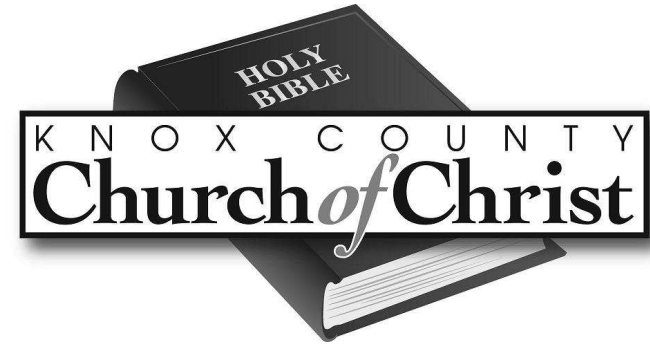
First Prayer    Brian Carver  
 Songs    David Snyder  
 Sermon    Brad Green  
 Lord's Supper    Lance Green  
 Closing Prayer    Charles Hatcher

### Wednesday Night

Songs    James Hutton  
 First Prayer    Tommy Sanders  
 Devotional    Keith Keever  
 Closing Prayer    Lance Green

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**Meeting Location:**  
 130 Mabry Hood Road  
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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

### HUMILITY AND SERVICE

[This article is written by brother Dub McClish, preacher for the Northpoint Church of Christ, Denton, TX.]

In 1 Peter 5:5–6, we read the following significant exhortation: "Yea, all of you gird yourselves with humility, to serve one another; for God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time" (ASV, 1901). If God's people would universally practice this passage, it would prevent most conflicts and problems among brethren.

The thrust of this passage is seen in two concepts: "humility" and "service." We are to **serve** one another **humbly**. Humility is not for mere occasional or seldom use, but for constant wear as our "girding" ("clothing," KJV). The "girding" refers to the girdle or belt which was the sign of a slave. Peter may have even been reflecting on that occasion of more than 30 years before in the upper room in Jerusalem when the Lord "girded" himself with a towel and washed the disciples' feet (John 13:4–6). The whole point of that object lesson was to teach His apostles exactly what Peter here exhorted all saints to do: to humbly serve one another.

The motivation of their humble service related to God's attitude toward such unselfish behavior. Those who are proud (and thus can never serve, but must always be served) are displeasing to God; He opposes and resists such. However, those who are humble bask in the favor/grace of God. Since this is God's attitude toward pride and humility, respectively, all are enjoined to humble themselves "under the mighty hand of God." Peter here depicts God as possessing a "hand" such as men possess. The hand is that member of the body with which we

most frequently act and accomplish our tasks. It is simply transferred to God in a figure as that means by which He exercises His Divine power and strength to bless or curse. The mighty hand of God will cast down the proud, but the same mighty hand will exalt the humble servant of others.

Although we **may** see those who humbly serve others reap rich rewards on this earth, there is no promise in this text of such immediate exaltation. Neither is it hinted that the exaltation relates to protection from physical suffering nor that it involves great wealth, fame, or authority. The exaltation promised is **true** exaltation in the home of the soul around the throne of God. There the Lord will bestow "the crown of glory that fadeth not away," and we will inherit the "eternal glory" unto which the Father has called us (vv. 4, 10). We should not grow impatient, even under suffering, for God will exalt us "in due time." God always does things according to His calendar: "in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9).

-- Dub Mc Clish

### 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)

## Announcements

- We wish to congratulate Nancy Gonzalez, who obeyed the Gospel and was baptized into Christ on Tuesday, Jan. 5. Let's pray for her as she begins her life as a faithful Christian.
- Deseamos felicitar a Nancy González, que obedecieron el Evangelio y fue bautizado en Cristo, el martes, 5 de enero. Oremos por ella como ella comienza su vida como cristiano fiel.
- We welcome Lisa Sollars who has moved here from Oregon.
- Lance Green will present a budget report following our afternoon service on Sunday, January 17. Please plan to stay.

## 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!

