

Prayer List

Doris Reyes Fernandez, Ashleigh Green, Ella Green, Alice Hall, Gordon Hatcher, Norman Lee, Luis Patiño, Tony Priola, Tim Smith, Richard and Sheila Sollars, Jim and Carole Turk.

- Norma Ragle's (Amanda Hatcher's mother) biopsy results showed no cancer. She will go for another checkup in three months.
- Doris Reyes Fernandez is recovering after recent brain surgery in Peru.
- Lisa Hutton is in Oregon with her parents as her father, Richard Sollars, is in the hospital due to complications with diabetes. Lisa plans to stay there for two weeks.

The Numbers

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| Attendance | Sunday, September 19 | 31/31/19 |
| | Wednesday, September 22 | 31 |
| Offering | Sunday, September 19 | \$742.00 |

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Lance Green

Sunday Morning Worship

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

Sunday Afternoon Worship

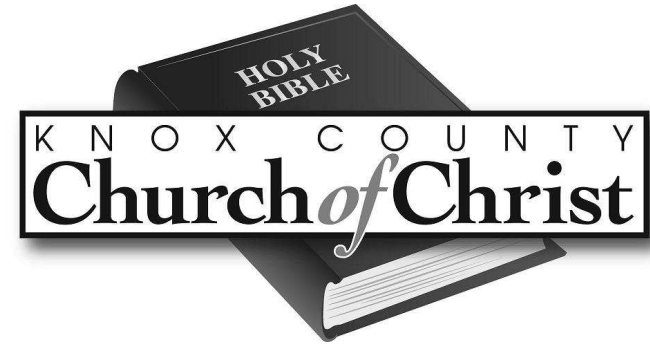
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| First Prayer | Charles Hatcher |
| Songs | <i>Singing</i> |
| Sermon | Brad Green |
| Lord's Supper | Barry Simmons |
| Closing Prayer | Tommy Sanders |

Wednesday Night

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| Songs | Lance Green |
| First Prayer | David Snyder |
| Devotional | James Hutton |
| Closing Prayer | Charles Hatcher |

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Meeting Location:
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 Suite 102
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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 HOLY SPIRIT"

[This article is written by brother George E. Darling, Sr. (1915-1980) and was printed in the October, 1974 issue of the *Defender*, a publication of the Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL.]

There is today a great divergence of opinion among men with reference to the Holy Spirit, concerning what He is and what He does and man's relationship to Him. There need not be this confusion if each person would but take the Word of God and study it diligently and learn what God has said about the matter. The Godhead is composed of three persons; God as the Father, Christ the Savior and the Holy Spirit the Comforter. There are three that bear record in the heaven and likewise three that bear record on earth, and these three agree in one (1 John 5:6-8). Men should notice the matter of agreement. When there is no agreement among men, then God is not glorified, and they are not following the God of heaven or the Holy Spirit, but they are after the devil.

The Holy Spirit is a person; an intelligent, speaking personality. He was sent to guide the apostles into the way of all truth, and did thus guide them (John 14:16-17; 16:7, 13-15). He was to bring to the remembrance of the apostles all things which Jesus had said to them. The Holy Spirit could not thus speak directly to us, since Jesus did not tell us anything in person, directly. The Holy Spirit speaks to us today through the Word of God – the Bible. He speaks so as to be very clearly understood by all who will lend an attentive ear. Men to be benefited by what is taught by the Holy Spirit must hear, believe and obey. Through the Bible He tells men exactly what is wrong with them and shows what they ought to do about it (John 16:8-11)

It is claimed by many men that the Holy Spirit speaks directly to them and tells them what to do and what to say. Other men, who differ in belief and practice, claim the same direction. Thus we see

two or three, or many men, all teaching different things, and all claiming to have received their "message" from the Holy Spirit. What a spectacle! Could you picture the Holy Spirit, (who is in perfect agreement with the Son and the Father), telling one man to do one thing and another man to do exactly the opposite! That is exactly what some men teach by their words and actions. It should be quite obvious to every thinking person that God has nothing to do with such confusion. The Holy Spirit would not tell one man to go "join" one church and another man to "join" some other organization.

God has always spoken plainly, and used such language as man can understand. All of the mystery in understanding, is on man's side, and his misuse of the Word of God. The devil desires that men should differ and be confused. He uses many lying wonders to deceive men and thus to send them to an eternal punishment (2 The. 2:9-12). Just suppose that the Holy Spirit could speak to men today and tell them what to do to be saved – what would He say? He would say the same thing to all; and require all men to do the same things in religious matters. He would say the same thing that He said when He came and directed the apostles, in telling men what they must do in order to be saved. He has already spoken and told men what to do, and He still speaks through the Bible. "Well," says one, "what of the great numbers who pray for a 'Pentecostal revival'? Are they all wrong?" Not wrong in what they want, but wrong in what they call it. All that those people desire, is to be filled with a genuine revival of religious enthusiasm. Their mistake is in calling it a 'Pentecostal shower'. A Pentecostal shower would lead every preacher under its influence to say, with the apostle Peter, to inquiring sinners: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." This is what they are careful not to say. It is a clear evidence that the Spirit which guided Peter is not guiding them. I assert it to be a fact that everything that is claimed to be effected by a personal indwelling of the Spirit is as clearly accomplished by the Spirit acting through the Word

of God. I do not wish to rest content with asserting that statement, but I wish to prove it. What are the things that might be accomplished by a direct personal indwelling of the Spirit in us?

- 1 He might give us faith. But through the Word He does that (Rom. 10:17).
- 2 He might enable us to enjoy a new birth. But through the Word He does that (1 Pet. 1:23).
- 3 He might give us light. But through the Word He does that (Psa. 119:130).
- 4 He might give us wisdom. But through the Word He does that (2 Tim. 3:14-15).
- 5 He might convert us. But He does that through the Word (Psa. 19:7).
- 6 He might open our eyes. But He does that through the Word (Psa. 19:8).
- 7 He might give us understanding. But He does that through the Word (Psa. 119:104).
- 8 He might quicken us. But He does that through the Word (Psa. 119:150).
- 9 He might save us. But He does that through the Word (Jam. 1:21).
- 10 He might sanctify us. But He does this through the Word (John 17:17).
- 11 He might purify us. But He does that through the Word (1 Pet. 1:22).
- 12 He might cleanse us. But He does that through the Word (John 15:3).
- 13 He might make us free from sin. But He does that through the Word (Rom. 6:17-18).
- 14 He might impart a divine nature. But He does that through the Word (2 Pet. 1:4).
- 15 He might fit us for glory. But He does that through the Word (Acts 20:32).
- 16 He might strengthen us. But He does that by His Word (Psa. 119:28).

Some would desire the Holy Spirit to dwell in them. But God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit all dwell in Christians [*Through, and by means of, the Word of God, Editor*] (2 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 3:17-19; Gal. 3: 2).

--George E. Darling Sr. (1915-1980)