

## Prayer List

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

- Sara Johnson's cataract surgery was successful.
- Doris Fernandez received good news that the tumor they removed was benign. She will still undergo chemotherapy treatments. She is having problems with her memory and her eyes.
- Abby Yarlequé (daughter of Israel Yarlegué) has Hepatitis B.

## Announcements

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Jeff and Stephanie Clark have chosen to place membership with the Knox County congregation. Please welcome them and their family -- Kellan, Rylee, James, and "TBA."

## The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, October 3	35/35/30
	Wednesday, October 6	26
Offering	Sunday, October 3	\$902.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes Tommy Sanders

### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer	Barry Simmons
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Lance Green
Assistants	Donald Shipley & Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	Charles Hatcher

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

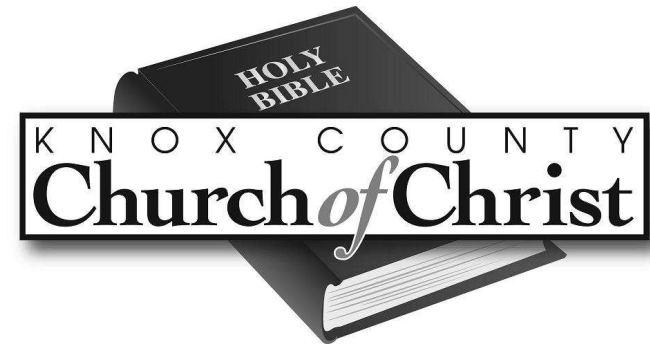
First Prayer	Barry Simmons
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	James Hutton
Closing Prayer	Tommy Sanders

### Wednesday Night

Songs	James Hutton
First Prayer	David Snyder
Devotional	Keith Keever
Closing Prayer	Charles Hatcher

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## October 10, 2010



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**Meeting Location:**  
 130 Mabry Hood Road  
 Suite 102  
 Knoxville, TN 37922  
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## Schedule of Services

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### Sunday

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

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 PM

## From The Preacher's Pen



### “BIBLES BEING ‘BURNED’ EVERYDAY – DOES ANYBODY CARE?”

In early September 2010, a denominational preacher in Florida planned to burn copies of the Islamic creed book, the Koran. Almost instantly, this basically unknown preacher and “his church” became national news. Networks and cable news sources pounced on this controversy. Liberal commentators immediately took advantage of the opportunity to ridicule and scorn “Christianity,” though to my knowledge, no faithful Christian (as defined by the New Testament) had anything to do with the events taking place in Florida. Some of the highest ranking officials in our government expressed great concern about possible consequences of burning the Koran. For weeks, the discussion raged nationally until the Florida man chose not to hold “Burn A Koran Day” as had been previously scheduled.

Perhaps the saddest aspect of all of this is the fact that Bibles are being “burned” everyday and in every town (big and small) and no one seems to care. No, the Bible is not being “burned” literally, rather it is being “burned” figuratively. Burning is simply a method of destruction, and the Bible is being attacked constantly by those who want to destroy the Truth of God’s Word. Many of the cable news “talking heads” and elected officials, who “courageously” came to the defense of the Islamic creed book, gleefully denounce the teachings of the Bible. When matters like abortion and homosexuality are discussed, some attempt to excuse their ungodly behaviors by perverting verses in the Bible which obviously condemns such. Others show their contempt for the Bible by discarding it altogether in these discussions. These folks might as well have taken all the Bibles they could find and set

them ablaze in a back parking lot somewhere. When individuals choose to add mechanical instruments of music to their worship, teach that man is saved by “faith only,” and judge that those who simply desire to do all things by the authority of Christ (Col. 3:17) are “judgmental,” and “unloving,” they are destroying God’s Holy Book. When these and many other false doctrines are promoted, it is as if the Bible is being “burned,” destroyed and replaced by “the commandments and doctrines of men” (Col. 2:22). The Bible teaches that God’s authorized form of music in worship is “singing” (Eph. 5:19), and adding a mechanical instrument to such is condemned (Rev. 22:18-19). The Bible teaches that God hates abortion, i.e., “hands that shed innocent blood” (Pro. 6:17) and that God considers homosexuality as “vile,” “against nature,” “unseemly,” “error,” and “reprobate” (Rom. 1:26-28). The Bible teaches “that by works [*of obedience*] a man is justified, and **NOT by faith only**” (Jam. 2:24, emphasis B.G.). Many have taken lighters to the pages of their Bible (figuratively, of course). Verses which teach that baptism saves (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21), that Truth is knowable, as well as objective and universal (John 8:31-32), and, ironically, that Hell is a real and eternal place of punishment (Mat. 25:46; Luke 16:19-31), have been replaced by small, black-tinged, holes – burnt out by the one who chooses to reject them.

It is not a new thing for people to “burn” the Bible simply because they do not like what it has to say. The prophet Jeremiah records, by inspiration of God, that the King of Judah had Jehudi read God’s Word to him – “and it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he [*the king*] cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth” (Jer. 36:23). Obviously, the Bible remains, while Jehoiakim, the king who had

God’s Word burned, is long gone.

Sadly, only faithful Christians will defend the Bible and defend it we must (Jude 3). News outlets and man-made religious organizations are not going to make a big fuss over the attacks taking place on the Bible. There will probably be no outcry from heads of state deploring these actions that are taking place. On the Day of Judgment, however, all of the man-made creeds, manuals, catechisms, confessions of faith, modern-day revelations, and yes, the Koran, will be “burned up” (2 Pet. 3:10). The only Book that will be left standing will be God’s – The Bible. Every accountable soul will then be judged by that which is written therein (John 12:48).

--Brad Green

### THE ANVIL

Last eve I paused beside a blacksmith’s door  
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;  
Then, looking in, I saw upon the floor  
Old hammers worn with beating years of time.

“How many anvils have you had?” said I,  
“To wear and batter all these hammers, so?”  
“Just one,” said he; then said, with twinkling  
eye,  
“The anvil wears the hammers out, you know.”

And so, I thought the anvil of God’s Word  
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon.  
Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard  
The anvil is unharmed – the hammers gone!  
– Author Unknown

### 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!