

## Prayer List

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Peggy Driscoll, Doris Reyes Fernandez, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Eleanor Green, Amanda Hatcher, Gordon Hatcher, Philip Hutton, Jim Ledbetter, Norman Lee, Mary Lynn McAleer, Matthias Meredith, Early Phillips, Tony Priola, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Verne Ragle, Ronald Russell, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Tresa Snyder, Sheila Sollars, Ramona Sutton

- Phillip Hutton is in very poor health. James and Lisa are in town to be with him.

## Announcements

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Brad and April Green are out of town today. In Brad's absence, Charles Hatcher and Barry Simmons will be preaching.

## The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, December 4	17/17/17
	Wednesday, December 7	13
Offering	Sunday, December 4	\$685.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes Tommy Sanders

### Sunday Morning Worship

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

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

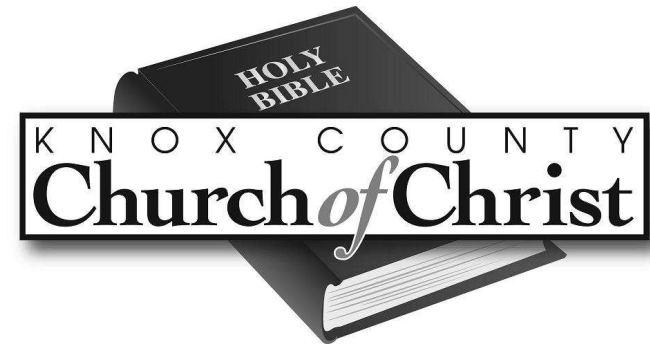
First Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Songs	Lance Green
Sermon	Barry Simmons
Lord's Supper	David Snyder
Closing Prayer	Tommy Sanders

### Wednesday Night

Songs	Lance Green
First Prayer	Barry Simmons
Devotional	David Snyder
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

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**Meeting Location:**  
130 Mabry Hood Road  
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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***

### **“AUTHORITY IN RELIGION”**

*[The following article was published in the Denton Record-Chronicle, Denton, TX, by the Northpoint Church of Christ on August 15, 2008]*

Only two sources of authority exist in religion. Authority is “from heaven [Divine] or from men [human]” (Mat. 21:25). Human authorities consist of such things as the rulings of one man or a council/convention of men, creed books, the majority vote of members, and personal conscience. Such sources constitute no “standard” at all, for they are all subjective, arising from the thoughts, desires, philosophies, and whims of men. Human “authorities” in religion produce doctrinal division and confusion and endorsement of such things as sexual immorality, drinking, and gambling. Jeremiah stated the fallacy of reliance upon human religious authority: “O Jehovah, 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).

Right religion demands an objective standard, one that originates apart from human thinking, desires, and opinions. The Bible is verily that objective standard. Apart from an objective standard, men wander hopelessly in relativism where there is no such thing as truth and error, good and evil.

While approximately forty men were employed in its writing, they did not write their own philosophies and thoughts. They spoke “not in words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Spirit teacheth” (1 Cor. 2:13). The Bible came from men who “spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit” (2 Pet. 1:21).

The Bible is our Creator’s revelation of Himself and His will to His rational creation. Men could not know the will or the plan of God

for us without the revelation of this mystery through the inspired men (1 Cor. 2:7–10). No one knows one thing about how to worship God so as to please Him apart from the New Testament. Apparently, many think that God is somehow obligated to accept whatever they choose to offer, but not so. We must worship Him “in spirit and truth” (John 4:23–24), and only the Bible tells us how to do so. Jesus said that men who reject Bible doctrine for their own precepts worship in vain (Mat. 15:9).

Likewise, the New Testament is the only source of information on how God wants us to behave in our daily lives. The world is drowning in its own moral filth because so many people have rejected God and His will in favor of their own subjective, selfish lusts (Rom. 1:21–32). Without the Bible we would not know that we are sinners in need of salvation. Moreover, we would never have known of God’s gracious plan to save us had He not revealed it to us in His Word, the only source of this information.

### **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)

## **Welcome Visitors**

Thank you for visiting with us today. If you have any questions about anything said or done during our worship service, please feel free to ask. Also, please take a moment to fill out one of our visitor's information cards and stick around after services so that we can get to know you better.

## **The church of Christ**

- ✓ Built by Jesus Christ
  - Matthew 16:18
- ✓ Purchased by Jesus Christ
  - Acts 20:28
- ✓ Established on the first Pentecost after the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ
  - Acts 2:38
  - Acts 2:41
  - Acts 2:47
- ✓ Jesus is the Head
  - Colossians 1:18
- ✓ The Bible is her only doctrine
  - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
  - Jude 3
  - 2 Peter 1:3
- ✓ God adds those being saved to the church
  - Acts 2:47
  - Mark 16:16
- ✓ Jesus will present the church to His Father
  - Ephesians 5:27
- ✓ There is only one church
  - Matthew 16:18
  - Ephesians 4:4
  - Ephesians 1:22-23