

Prayer List

Doris Reyes Fernandez, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Eleanor Green, Amanda Hatcher, Gordon Hatcher, Norman Lee, Early Phillips, Andrew Ragle, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Verne Ragle, Ronald Russell, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Tresa Snyder, Sheila Sollars, Ramona Sutton

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, January 22	13/13/12
	Wednesday, January 25	—
Offering	Sunday, January 22	\$935.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Charles Hatcher

Sunday Morning Worship

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

Sunday Afternoon Worship

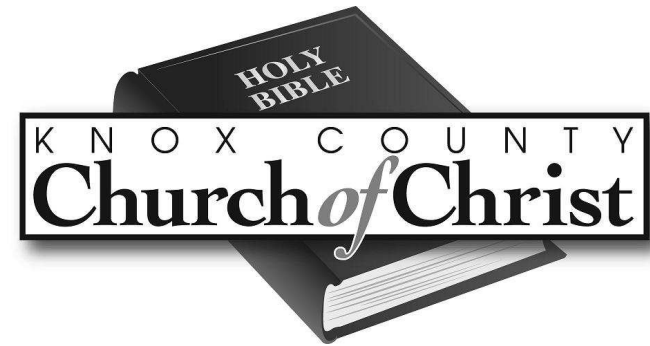
First Prayer	Tommy Sanders
Songs	<i>Singing</i>
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Charles Hatcher
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

Wednesday Night

Songs	Brad Green
First Prayer	Keith Keever
Devotional	Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer	Tommy Sanders

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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

"NOT BY FAITH ONLY"

The inspired James writes, "ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and **not** by faith only" (Jam. 2:24, emphasis B.G.). This is the only verse in God's Word in which the phrase "faith only" occurs and it is preceded by the word "not." It is therefore inexplicable to attempt to proclaim otherwise. Man is saved by faith (Acts 16:31), but **not** by faith only. Faith is necessary for one to be saved – "without faith it is impossible to please [God]" (Heb. 11:6). However, to teach that man is saved by "faith alone" means that there is absolutely nothing else that can save. The Bible stands opposed to any such teaching, as is easily evidenced. Consider the following.

Man Is Saved By Grace, But Not By Grace Only. God says, "for by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Eph. 2:8). If it is the case that man is saved by grace, then man cannot be saved by "faith only." Concurrently, since it is the case that man is saved by faith, then man cannot be saved by "grace only."

Man Is Saved By The Blood of Christ, But Not By Blood Only (Rom. 5:8-9). It is God's love, mercy, and grace that motivated Him to give "His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Without Jesus' voluntary sacrifice, and the blood which He shed, there would be no "remission of sins" (Mat. 26:28).

Man Is "Saved By Hope," But Not By Hope Only (Rom. 8:24). Because of God's grace and the blood of Christ, man can have hope of eternal life (Tit. 1:2). That hope is necessary for salvation because it motivates us to endure "persecutions and tribulations" (2 The. 1:4), "endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus

Christ" (2 Tim. 2:3), and to be faithful to God even if it hastens our death (Rev. 2:10).

Man Is Saved By The Gospel, But Not By The Gospel Only. The inspired Paul writes, "I declare unto you the Gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain" (1 Cor. 15:1-2). The Gospel is necessary for salvation because in God's Word is found God's plan to make man righteous (Rom. 1:16-17). It is the Truth (John 17:17) by which one can be made free (John 8:31-32). It is also the only instrument provided by God today by which a man can attain soul-saving faith – "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Rom. 10:17).

Man Is Saved By Works of Obedience, But Not By Works Only (Jam. 2:24). Jesus is "the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him" (Heb. 5:9) and it is through works of obedience that man exhibits his love to Christ (John 14:15). Jesus says, "not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but **he that doeth** the Will of My Father which is in heaven" (Mat. 7:21, emphasis B.G.). It is important to distinguish between works devised by man (Eph. 2:9) which cannot save and works commanded by God which are necessary for salvation. The New Testament is explicit about these God-ordained conditions.

Man Is Saved By Faith, Which Is "A Work" (John 6:29).

Man Is Saved By Repentance (Acts 17:30).

Man Is Saved By Confessing the Deity of Christ (Rom. 10:9-10).

Man Is Saved By "Water" in Baptism (1 Pet. 3:20-21).

The New Testament obviously reveals that man's salvation is dependant upon many

things and not any one thing alone. Seeing that man is saved by faith, grace, the blood of Christ, hope, the Gospel, and works of obedience, it is impossible to honestly claim that man is saved by "faith only" or "grace alone." It should be our desire to study **all** of what is necessary for salvation and, for our soul's eternal sake, be obedient to what God says. Let us include all of what God includes regarding salvation and leave nothing He commands undone (c.f., Mat. 16:19).

– *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!



Welcome Visitors

We're glad you are with us today. Feel free to ask us any questions you may have. We look forward to getting to know you better.