

Prayer List

Kent Bailey, Doris Reyes Fernandez, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Eleanor Green, Amanda Hatcher, Gordon Hatcher, Keelan Jackson, Juan Mandujano, Early Phillips, Andrew Ragle, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Verne Ragle, Ronald Russell, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Sheila Sollars, Joe Stephenson, Kevin (Chela Keever's nephew)

Announcements

The next Men's Meeting will be tomorrow evening at 7PM.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, September 2	28/29/28
	Wednesday, September 5	—
Offering	Sunday, September 2	\$1008.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Tommy Sanders

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer	Barry Simmons
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Charles Hatcher
Assistant	Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	Keith Keever

Sunday Afternoon Worship

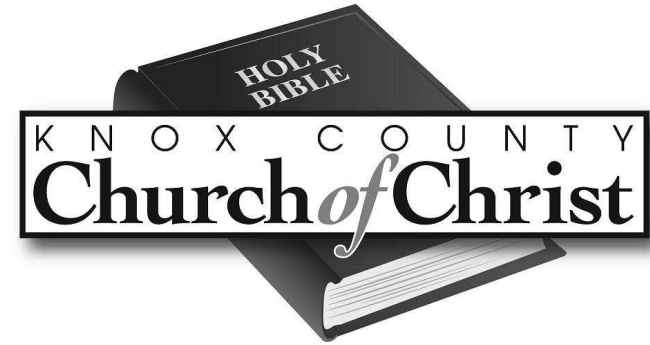
First Prayer	David Snyder
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer	Lance Green

Wednesday Night

Songs	Lance Green
First Prayer	Tommy Sanders
Devotional	Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer	Charles Hatcher

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Meeting Location:
130 Mabry Hood Road
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Knoxville, TN 37922
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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

“PREACHING – A JOY, A RESPONSIBILITY, A TRUST”

[Written by brother Lynn Parker, preacher for the Church of Christ in New Braunfels, TX.]

What a joy and privilege to proclaim the blessed Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! Truly, no work on earth can begin to compare with the precious labor of speaking the soul-saving message (Rom. 1:16) of Him who loved us and died for us (Gal. 2:20) to a world that is blindly groping in sin! In preaching the Gospel, we feel both the honor of being a “fellow-worker with God” (1 Cor. 3:9) and also the weighty responsibility to carefully consider what we teach and preach (Jam. 3:1; 1 Tim. 4:16), knowing that we too, will one day give account of ourselves (2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:12). Sadly though, we see almost daily a modern-day “Alexander” or “Hymenaeus” making shipwreck of the faith (1 Tim. 1:19-20) by preaching unsound words and a perverted Gospel intended to tickle itching ears (2 Tim. 4:3). Instead of preaching the “whole counsel of God” so they might be innocent of the blood of all men (Acts 20:26-27), some refrain from a bold proclamation of the Truth, thereby contributing to error and Satan’s cause.

It alarms me as a Gospel preacher to see the direction that a vast number of preachers (and congregations) are headed. The clarion call of times past to “preach the Word” (2 Tim. 4:2) in all its power (Heb. 4:12) falls on many deaf ears, and so many congregations of the Lord’s people now rehearse the words of a fickle people: “prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things” (Isa. 30:10).

When I was a young boy, I knew that when traveling we could visit any congregation of the Lord’s people and be reasonably certain of

hearing the Truth proclaimed. That is certainly not the case today. It has become increasingly popular for a growing number of preachers to preach only that which the brethren will tolerate (and in some cases, brethren will not tolerate much sound preaching at all). Popular trends include:

(1) The stern denouncement of the faithful soldiers of times past and present as “dogmatic” and “divisive” when in fact they were, and are following in the paths of Jesus, Paul, Peter, Stephen, and other noble preachers.

(2) The proclamation of love as the “ultimate cure-all” when in truth, love for God and our fellowman compels the dedicated disciple to point out error, and contend for that which is right (Jude 3).

(3) The disastrous notion that sin in the body is best handled by “looking the other way,” while Paul plainly tells us that sin unchecked will spread throughout the church (1 Cor. 5:6), and false doctrine spreads like a disease (2 Tim. 2:17) to overthrow the faith of some (2:18; Tit. 1:10-11).

(4) Some brethren apologizing publicly for the “harsh and sectarian spirit” that they allege characterizes the Lord’s people who stand firm for the Truth. I believe most faithful Christians will join me in saying, “I am not ashamed of the Gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation” (Rom. 1:16). As for those who apologize for the sound brethren among us, let them speak for themselves; we owe no apology for vigorous proclamation and defense of the Truth!

With each passing day, I come to understand and appreciate more the need and emphasis placed on preaching and teaching sound doctrine (Tit. 2:1; 2 Tim. 1:13), the warnings against apostasy (1 Tim. 4:1ff; 2 Tim. 4:3-4), and the duty of God’s preacher (1 Tim. 4:6; 1 Tim. 6:12).

Preaching is thrilling and joyous as we see the Word of God touch hearts and move men to salvation through Jesus Christ. So apt are the words of an old song:

*Into our hands the gospel is given,
Into our hands is given the light,
Haste, let us carry God’s precious message,
Guiding the erring back to the right.*

Preaching the Gospel is also a trust (Tit. 1:3; 1 Tim. 1:11) that we dare not betray! May we all, as heralds of the good news, defend (Phi. 1:16) and guard that precious treasure, the undiluted Gospel, so judgment will see us rejoicing with the faithful warriors of ages past. May we speak the Truth in love (Eph. 4:15) and with boldness (Acts 4:32; Eph. 6:20) as seeking to please God, not men (1 The. 2:4). Let us ever remember the sterling admonition of Paul to Timothy: “guard that which is committed unto thee” (1 Tim. 6:20). May we “Preach the Word” with zeal and enthusiasm.

— *Lynn Parker*

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.