

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, Kevin (Chela Keever's nephew)

The Numbers

Attendance Sunday, September 16 21/22/19
Wednesday, September 19 20
Offering Sunday, September 16 \$853.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Tommy Sanders
Sunday Morning Worship

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

Sunday Afternoon Worship

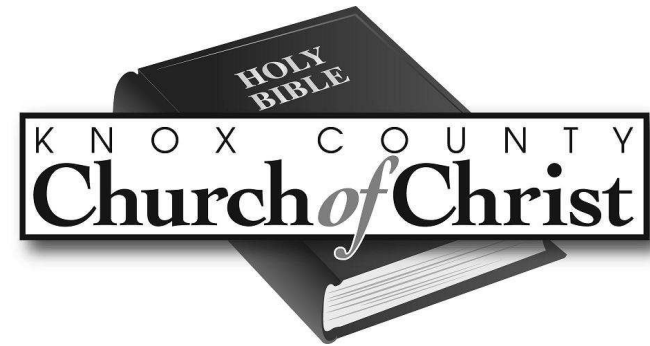
First Prayer David Snyder
Songs Keith Keever
Sermon Brad Green
Lord's Supper Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer Charles Hatcher

Wednesday Night

Songs Lance Green
First Prayer Keith Keever
Devotional David Snyder
Closing Prayer Barry Simmons

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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

"THAT YE MAY KNOW"

[This article by brother David P. Brown is from the January 31, 2011 Beacon, a publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that **ye may know that ye have eternal life**, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God (1 John 5:13).

Confidence (John 5:14) and assurance (1 John 3:19) are products of the above verse. They are the birthright of the faithful (Heb. 12:14-16). Radiating from confidence and assurance is hope. It means:

favorable and confident expectation. It has to do with the unseen future, Rom. 8:24,25. Hope (a) the happy anticipation of good (the most frequent significance) e.g., Titus 1:2; 1 Pet. 1:21; (b) the ground upon which hope is based, Acts 16:19; Col. 1:27, "Christ in you the hope of glory;" (c) the object upon which the hope is fixed, e.g., 1 Tim. 1:1 (W. E. Vine, An Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, p. 232).

We may conclude that if one cannot **know** his salvation, it is then impossible to have **confidence**, **assurance**, and thereby **hope**. Without these we are no better off than the alien sinner (Eph. 2:12).

How sad when men are so self-willed, contentious and hard-hearted that they will deny the simple and plain teaching of 1 John 5:13. Assuredly it is pride and willful ignorance gone to seed! But, as if denying these spiritual blessings were not enough, some must publicly

teach contrary to 1 John 5:13. Lamentably, they must be marked for the false teachers they are (2 The. 3:14-16).

We understand better why some are always troubled, perplexed, and distraught. They are sure of nothing and trust not the promises of Christ. Such is nothing less than refusing to take Christ at His Word. It is disbelief!

Assuredly, the "eternal life" of 1 John 5:13 for the earthly pilgrim is in promise. It is yet to be and it is conditional (Rev. 2:10), but we have no more evidence what will be than we do of that which has been. It all rests on the truthfulness of Christ's Word. We **know** our alien sins are forgiven by the **same evidence** that gives us **knowledge** pertaining to our eternal inheritance (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21; 1 John 1:7; 2:3-5, 29; 3:19-21; 5:11-14; 2 Tim. 1:12; 1 Cor. 15:58). How then is it possible to **know** the one and not the other? We might as well declare that **one cannot know** he is lost as to teach that **one cannot know** he is saved! The evidence for **knowing** either one comes from the same divine standard—the Bible (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3-11). To all the doubters, we say with James and Peter:

Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.... Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator (Jam. 1:21; 1 Pet. 4:19).

With these sentiments in mind, we can, with confidence, sing:

I know that my Redeemer lives, and ever prays for me; I know eternal life He gives, From sin and sorrow free.

I know that unto sinful men His saving grace is nigh; I know that he will come again to take me home on high.

Any Christian(?) singing the preceding song and at the same time declaring that **we cannot know we are saved**, is not aware of his inconsistency, is hypocritical, or mentally unstable. In any case, the Lord's Word has little or no effect on his thinking.

A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; **Knowing** that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself (Tit. 3:10-11).

— David P. Brown

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!

