

Prayer List

Doris Reyes Fernandez, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Eleanor Green, Amanda Hatcher, Gordon Hatcher, Juan Mandujano, Mary Lynn McAleer, Betty Miller, Bernice & E. Y. Mock, Early Phillips, Chris Ragle, Ronald Russell, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Sheila Sollars, Kevin (Chela Keever's nephew)

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, March 31	22/22/17
	Wednesday, April 3	16
Offering	Sunday, March 31	\$728.35

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	Keith Keever
Assistant	Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	Charles Hatcher

Sunday Afternoon Worship

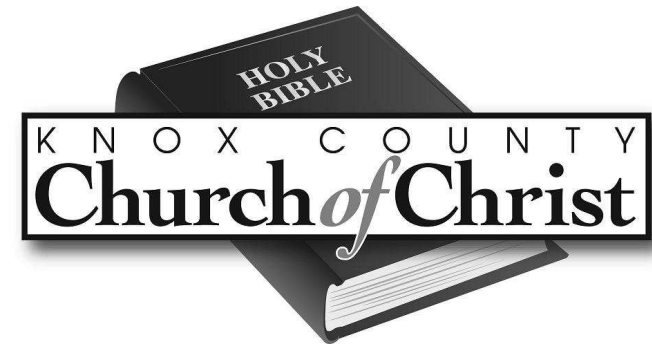
First Prayer	Lance Green
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Charles Hatcher
Closing Prayer	David Snyder

Wednesday Night

Songs	Lance Green
First Prayer	Tommy Sanders
Devotional	Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

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Meeting Location:
 130 Mabry Hood Road
 Suite 102
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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

"BIBLE THUMPERS"

It seems that in today's society, it is wrong to use any terms or phrases that could, even in the remotest of possibilities, be construed as hurtful or degrading – unless however, it is used to describe Christians. One such phrase is "Bible Thumper." Though these words can mean any number of things to any number of different people, usually, it is used as a pejorative to denote one who appeals to the Bible for authority because he is ignorant, uneducated, and unable to logically debate his cause. Ironically, the use of "Bible Thumper" as a pejorative is an attempt, by means of character assassination, to avoid a logical and reasonable debate. This is not a newly employed tactic against God's people. After preaching the Word of God boldly, Peter and John were "perceived" to be "unlearned and ignorant men" (Acts 4:13). The irony – upon seeing the facts, this audience "could say nothing...for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it" (4:14, 16). The only recorded response of Festus, a Roman governor, to Gospel preaching was, "Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad" (Acts 26:24). Rather than dealing with the evidence, which was clearly presented (26:25-27), Festus chose to attack the apostle Paul's mental faculty and ridicule Paul's devotion to God's Word. The ad hominem, or personal attack, is intended to silence the "thumps" or, at the least, diminish their capabilities – "for the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit" (Heb. 4:12).

Sadly, many in the religious world, including some Christians, are calling for a lot less "thumping" as well. One would expect the

world to ridicule a "thus saith the Lord," but it is incomprehensible to witness such disdain towards Biblical authority from people who claim to be "Bible believers." To some, teaching that Truth is knowable and attainable (John 8:31-32) is arrogant and teaching that right and wrong can be objectively determined (Psa. 19:8; 2 Pet. 2:15) is conceited. In this regard, the "thumps" being heard are the covers of the Bible being slammed shut. No matter how hard the pages of the Bible are shut, the Truth still remains (John 17:17; 12:48).

What this world needs, and what God desires, is a lot more "Bible Thumping," (i.e., appeals to God and His Word for final authority). By this, we do *not* mean arrogant shows "for to be seen of men" (Mat. 23:5) as such is condemned by our Lord (see also Mat. 6:5). What we do affirm is "whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus (*i.e., by His authority*)" (Col. 3:17, emphasis added). God proclaims, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hos. 4:6) and the only remedy is hearing and studying God's Word (Rom. 10:17; 2 Tim. 2:15). When Jesus was tempted of the devil, Jesus responded with quotes (book, chapter, and verse, if you will) from the Scriptures (Mat. 4:1-10). When Peter and the other apostles were commanded by men to stop preaching (or "thumping") the Doctrine of

Christ, they "answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29). After "thumping" the Gospel in an attempt to turn the people away from Satan and toward God, Stephen received a "thumping" of his own – "they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon [Stephen] with one accord, And cast him out of the city, and stoned him" (Acts 7:57-58). Jesus promises, "fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

Let us not be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16) and "contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3, ASV 1901).

— 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

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.