Prayer List

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

The Numbers

| | Those Serving | |
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| Offering | Sunday, April 21 | \$645.00 |
| | Wednesday, April 24 | 15 |
| Attendance | Sunday, April 21 | 16/17/19 |

Prayer Before Sunday Classes **Brad Green Sunday Morning Worship**

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

Sunday Afternoon Worship

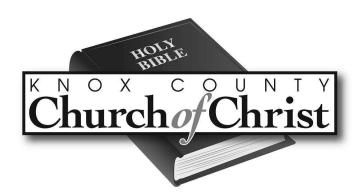
First Prayer Charles Hatcher Songs Singing **Brad Green** Sermon Lord's Supper **Barry Simmons Closing Prayer Tommy Sanders**

Wednesday Night

Songs Lance Green Keith Keever First Prayer **Tommy Sanders** Devotional Closing Prayer Charles Hatcher

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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

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From The Preacher's Pen

"A PLEA FOR DOCTRINAL PURITY"

[The following article was written by Dub McClish, preacher for the Northpoint Church of Christ in Denton, TX, and was found on his website, www.scripturecache.com.]

There was never a more devilish doctrine than that doctrinal purity is unimportant. None can read the New Testament with an unbiased eye and keep from seeing this emphasis. It begins with such representative statements from the Christ as, "If ye abide in my word, then are ye truly my disciples" (John 8:31) and does not end until the final words of the Sacred volume (Rev. 22:18-19). No New Testament author neglects this emphasis.

The motive of this strong and consistent theme is the truth that the Word of God, through His Son, is God's spiritual "seed" (Luke 8:11). If the seed is faithfully preserved and planted, it can produce nought but the plant imprinted by God on its spiritual DNA (Gal. 6:7). Moreover, when the seed germinates and produces God's plant, that spiritual plant, the church, can remain pure, healthy, and strong only so long as it feeds upon the pure food of the Gospel. Apostasy cannot be defined apart from doctrinal corruption.

When one or one hundred saints move away from Christ it is because they have embraced a different, perverted "gospel" (Gal. 1:6-7). The reason why any congregation today is different from what it faithfully was even one generation ago is that the doctrine has been changed. The two—the doctrine and the church—are inseparably linked. When the doctrine is changed, a vicious cycle, almost incapable of being interrupted, is set in motion. Change of doctrine creates change in the church—its work and worship—and the more the

church changes, the more true doctrine is despised, causing yet further digressions in the church.

This is why the inspired men were so boldly militant in the preservation of Divine Truth. As they were, so must we be, set for the defense of the Gospel, being always ready to give answer for our hope and contending earnestly for the faith (Phi. 1:16; 1 Pet. 3:15; Jude 3). This is precisely why Paul made his powerful appeal on this theme to the saints at Rome: "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them that are causing the divisions and occasions of stumbling, contrary to the doctrine which ye learned: and turn away from them" (Rom. 16:17).

No better illustration can be found of the consequences of ignoring this appeal than the total apostasy of the church at Rome. The Roman congregation remained a church of Christ only so long as she faithfully preached and practiced apostolic doctrine. When tolerance of false doctrine and its teachers began to prevail, the loss of her Scriptural identity was sealed; the seed was corrupted. Over a span of the next few centuries it developed into the monstrosity known as the Roman Catholic Church. Will we learn the lessons of history?

- Duk McClish

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 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)

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!

