

## Prayer List

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Gary Cooper, Osborne Cooper, 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)

- Continue to keep April Green and her family in your prayers.

## The Numbers

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| Attendance | Sunday, May 5    | 14/15/12 |
|            | Wednesday, May 8 | 8        |
| Offering   | Sunday, May 5    | \$591.00 |

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes Tommy Sanders

### Sunday Morning Worship

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|------------------------------|---------------|
| Announcements & Prayer       | Keith Keever  |
| Songs                        | David Snyder  |
| Sermon                       | Brad Green    |
| Lord's Supper & Contribution | Barry Simmons |
| Assistant                    | Levy Cox      |
| Closing Prayer               | Tommy Sanders |

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

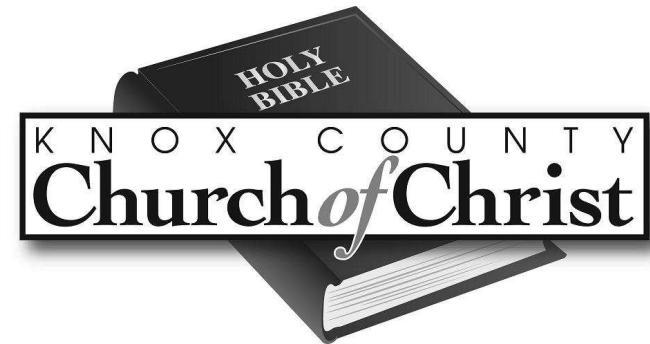
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| First Prayer   | Lance Green   |
| Songs          | Keith Keever  |
| Sermon         | Brad Green    |
| Lord's Supper  | Barry Simmons |
| Closing Prayer | David Snyder  |

### Wednesday Night

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Songs          | Lance Green     |
| First Prayer   | Charles Hatcher |
| Devotional     | Brad Green      |
| Closing Prayer | Donald Shipley  |

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**May 12, 2013**



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**Meeting Location:**  
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## Schedule of Services

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### Sunday

Bible Study.....9:30 AM  
 Worship.....10:30AM & 1:30 PM

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 PM



## ***From The Preacher's Pen***

### **ZEAL ACCORDING TO KNOWLEDGE**

*[The following article appeared in The Beacon, A Publication of Bellview Church of Christ, December 19, 2011. It's author is unknown.]*

Many of our brethren are asking why they cannot have that zeal they see in the denominational world, especially since this is the church of the Lord. Paul said something about that type of zeal in Romans 10:1-3:

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a **zeal of God, but not according to knowledge**. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

This zeal, which the denominational world is caught up in, is based on emotionalism. The question asked most often by these people is: Do you know Jesus? They do not ask this in the sense of: Do you know His teachings? What they mean is: Do you have the right feeling, or do you have that warm saved feeling inside of you? Paul felt that persecuting the Christians was the will of God. Many men today do not hesitate in telling someone that it really does not matter whether you go by the Bible or not because God will judge your heart and not whether it is right or wrong according to His Word. How sad, our Father wasting all that time teaching obedience and then to say He really does not care! Jesus said to the contrary:

If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (John 8:31-32).

It is indeed a serious matter because of the

scope of this type of attitude. It is not the attitude of a few, it is the prevailing view. On a recent Sunday morning television broadcast, a panel of five religious men of various faiths were answering questions asked by the viewers. The topic of the one church was brought up. The Jewish Rabbi stated that according to the Christian faith Jesus' mission was one of love, and, thus, it would not matter how many churches you have. Three denominational preachers agreed with him on this view.

These men claim to teach the Gospel, but leave out the words that make up the Gospel. Jesus said:

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: **the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him** in the last day (John 12:48).

Jesus is not saying that these are just more words of love for you. These are truths that you will answer for.

This writer is not against zealous people. Paul said to Titus:

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works (Tit. 2:13-14).

Our Lord wants zealous people, but He wants them **zealous "according to knowledge"**. In this day of *instant* everything, men try to get around the *chore* of reading God's Word for themselves. They call for the *clergy* to develop quick and shore formulas to use in personal work. This is the greatest mistake made by anyone.

The Bible will, when read with love for the truth, give one a well-grounded zeal that does not fade with the change of the wind. Acts 20:32 states it well:

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to

build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

There is no instant way to a steadfast unmovable faith, it must come from a personal study of the Word of God.

Like everything else, there must be a formula for reaching a desired level of this zeal. First, Paul said this zeal must be "according to knowledge". This means studying the Word of God for yourself. Second, one must have a love for the truth to avoid believing lies (2 The. 2:10-11). Third, Paul said the Jews would not be saved because they would not submit themselves unto the righteousness of God (Rom. 10:3). There must be a submission by all to those commands found in the Scriptures.

The desire to be zealous as a Christian is a good desire. Let everyone everywhere be thankful for those zealous men to the restoration. They were truly zealous men **according to the knowledge**. It would be difficult to think of these men fighting the battles of truth with anything less than the truth. The battle is not over. Take up the sword of truth, love that truth, and give your life to defending that truth.

*— Author Unknown*

## **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.