

## Prayer List

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Thomy Brewster, Doris Reyes Fernandez, Donna Fowler, Marc Genua, Eleanor Green, Mike Grigg, Gordon Hatcher, Juan Mandujano, Mary Lynn McAleer, Larry McCollum, Betty Miller, Magaly Orozco, Early Phillips, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Barry Simmons, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Sheila Sollars, Jana Ward

## The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, December 15	13/19/14
	Wednesday, December 18	16
Offering	Sunday, December 15	\$826.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes Charles Hatcher  
**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements & Prayer	Tommy Sanders
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Terry Hurst
Assistant	Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	Kevin Felker

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

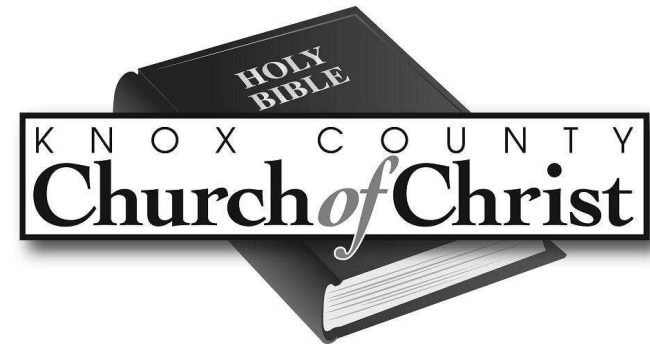
First Prayer	Barry Simmons
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Terry Hurst
Closing Prayer	Tommy Sanders

### Wednesday Night

Songs	David Snyder
First Prayer	Keith Keever
Devotional	Kevin Felker
Closing Prayer	Charles Hatcher

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**December 22, 2013**



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**Meeting Location:**  
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Knoxville, TN 37922  
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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***

### **“For What Is Your Life?”**

*[The following article is written by brother David P. Brown and appeared in the December 1, 2008 issue of the Beacon, a publication of the Bellview Church of Christ.]*

We must die! We have no choice! By mortal observation and sacred declaration do we realize that “death” is our last appointment on the agenda of our earthly pilgrimage (Rev. 9:27). It is a migration of our spirits we struggle to comprehend but our finite minds cannot fathom. Only one possible alternative exists: to be shrouded in this tent of flesh when Christ returns at the end of the world. But in either case our state of being must undergo a radical and eternal change. For “flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption” (1 Cor. 15:50-52). So we wait; for we do not know when either shall appear (Mat. 24:36).

In the light of these sobering facts our sojourn here takes on new and vivid meaning. Material things are seen in a different light; for we hunger and thirst after those things that shall transcend death. We want to go into the judgment with the characteristics that shall abide and receive the blessings of Jesus. In summation, we want to go to heaven. We want to live so as to hear our Savior say to us; “Well done, good and faithful servant” (Mat. 25:21).

We become, therefore, more aware of the inner man and its needs, rather than the needs of the outward man. “For indeed we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened” (2 Cor. 5:4). We understand more fully why Paul said, though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day. For

our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal (2 Cor. 4: 16-18).

O how marvelous! O how wonderful!

Through the sacred Word by the eye of faith our God has blessed us to see the unseen—the eternal. With the father of the faithful, we too can look “for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God” (Heb. 11:10).

Where at one time we were worldly minded “all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life” (1 John 2:16); we now know that for our spirits to be prepared for our “home” we must

hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil (Ecc. 12:5, 13-14).

For our spirits to be prepared to make their flight into eternity we must mold them with a love that always brings about a close submission to the will of Jesus (John 14:15). Because “whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him” (1 John 2:5). If man does not have to obey Christ in order to manifest his love to Him, what other way is available to do so? We must say with Paul that all that really matters is “keeping of the commandments of God” (1 Cor. 7:19).

We no longer are anxious about the present

because we are anchored in the future (Mat. 6:33). Men cease to cause fear in us because we are servants of God and fear Him (Luke 12:4-5). We work in the church of Christ adhering to the principal of “whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him” (Rom. 16:16; Col. 3:17).

We still do not know when our appointment with death will be or when Christ shall appear the second time. But being faithful we know we are prepared and we rejoice in the

exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust (2 Pet. 1:4).

With a prayer on our lips and these peaceful sublime thoughts in mind we can pillow our heads in rest at the end of a weary and toilsome day. We can now drift into a pleasant sleep, having the last cares of the day vanquished from our spirits by the words of a sweet refrain.

“There’s a land that is fairer than day, and by faith we can see it afar. For the Fathers waits over the way, to prepare us a dwelling place there.”

--*David L. Brown*

### **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.