

Prayer List

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

- Mimi Headrick is recovering after having knee replacement surgery this past week.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, January 12	20/24/17
	Wednesday, January 15	19
Offering	Sunday, January 12	\$830.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Terry Hurst

Sunday Morning Worship

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

Sunday Afternoon Worship

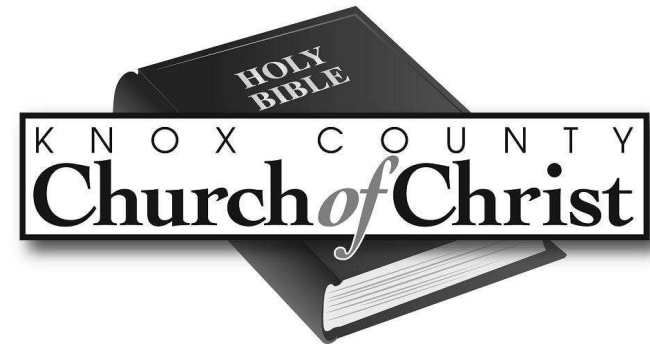
First Prayer	Terry Hurst
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Keith Keever
Closing Prayer	Charles Hatcher

Wednesday Night

Songs	Keith Keever
First Prayer	Barry Simmons
Devotional	Charles Hatcher
Closing Prayer	Tommy Sanders

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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

“Something to Think About When We Decide to Say Anything”

[The following article is written by brother Johnny Oxendine and appeared in the December 29, 2008 issue of the Beacon, a publication of the Bellview Church of Christ.]

We may not think a lot about it, but the Bible says quite a bit about lying. Of all the sins that man may commit, lying is perhaps the most destructive. Lies are not physically harmful; they are just words, but their consequences are destructive. When people base their decisions on lies, they make bad choices that end up destroying their (and other's) lives. Moreover, lies conceal the truth, which may lead to injustice for both the guilty and innocent.

The sin (yes, sin) of lying contradicts the very character of God. The Bible teaches us that God cannot lie (Tit. 1:3; Heb. 6:18); it is against His very nature to advance that which is false. Remember that Jesus says Satan is the father of lies (John 8:44). Hence, to lie is to choose **not to be like God** and to imitate the character of Satan. Proverbs 6:19 says lying is among the things that God hates. It is no wonder that one of the Ten Commandments is “Thou shalt not bear false witness” (Exo. 20:16).

John writes in Revelation 21:8:

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, **and all liars**, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

John certainly did not discriminate on what kind of liars would be lost; he simply said, “**all liars.**”

We (Christians) must be people who speak truth. God holds us to a higher standard, as Ephesians 4:25 says, “Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.” The context of Ephesians 4 tells us that speaking truth is part of what it means to be a new

creation in Christ; it is at the heart of being a Christian. Colossians 3:9 parallels Ephesians: “Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds.”

For the Christian who is striving to follow Jesus' teaching, it is a simple matter of observing Jesus' teaching on this subject. In Matthew 5:37 Jesus said, “But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.” James echoes Jesus comments in James 5:12:

But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and *your* nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.

The Jewish people had turned oath taking into another way of lying. Such was forbidden by Jesus and by implication, lying as well.

Yes, we know that sometimes it is hard to tell the truth. People (we) do not always want to hear it because it exposes the darkness in their lives and people love darkness better than light (John 3:19). In the world today there are fewer and fewer people who concern themselves with truth—especially with truth as a virtue. Thus, not telling the truth is not only tolerated, but also in some cases expected. We see lying becoming an integral/essential part of doing business, succeeding in national and local politics, and covering up the sins of sports figures and even creeping into the religious (so-called) world.

As the Lord's people, however, **we are obliged to tell the truth in love** (Eph. 4:15) and we speak truth because we do love (1 Cor. 13:6). Let us do so and be people who love truth regardless of the consequences that speaking it may bring, and let us never be involved in the sin of lying.

--Johnny Oxendine

Welcome Visitors

We're glad you are with us today. Feel free to ask us any questions you may have. We look forward to getting 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!



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