

## Prayer List

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Thomy Brewster, Richard Burris, Rick Burris, Doris Reyes Fernandez, Donna Fowler, Marc Genua, Anna Bell Green, Eleanor Green, Michelle Grimm, Gordon Hatcher, Mimi Headrick, Kenny Hughes, Paige Lackey, 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

- Croshia Elder (relative of the Headrick's) has been in a lot of pain due to some broken ribs.
- Dennis Hogan (friend of Amanda's family) has had cancer for some time which has now spread to his lungs. He will be seeing a surgeon on Tuesday.

## The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, February 16	19/20/20
	Wednesday, February 19	12
Offering	Sunday, February 16	\$919.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes Terry Hurst

### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Tommy Sanders
Assistant	Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	Terry Hurst

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

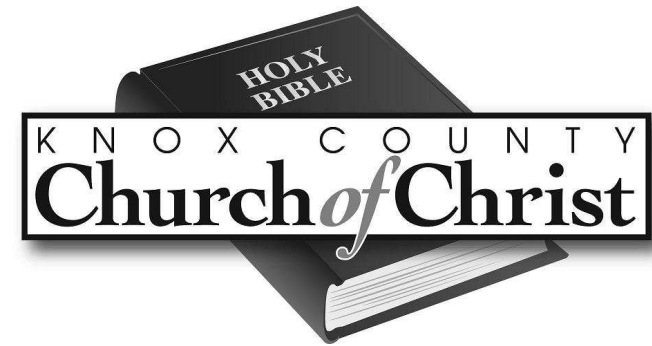
First Prayer	Keith Keever
Songs	Kevin Felker
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer	Barry Simmons

### Wednesday Night

Songs	David Snyder
First Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Devotional	Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer	Kevin Felker

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**February 23, 2014**



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**Meeting Location:**  
130 Mabry Hood Road  
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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

### "BIBLICAL BAPTISM #5"

[The following article is written by brother Dub McClish and was published in Denton Record-Chronicle, Denton, Texas, November 16, 2007.]

Controversy over the Scriptural action involved in baptism has raged for centuries. However, all such controversy would end if all men respected the authority of the Bible. It explicitly tells us the action of baptism.

To Christians Paul wrote: "We were **buried** therefore with him through baptism..." (Rom. 6:4a, *emph. added*). Again, he wrote to Christians: "Having been **buried** with him in baptism..." (Col. 2:12a, *emph. added*).

Acts 8:38-39 gives the fullest New Testament description of a baptism:

"And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And...they came up out of the water...."

What did Philip do to this man when he baptized him? Did he pour some water on him? Did he sprinkle some water on him? He did neither. If we let the Bible answer this question, it tells us he **buried** him in the water (Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12).

One does not have to know the first letter of the Greek alphabet (the original language of the New Testament) to know beyond doubt or question that **Bible baptism is immersion and never any other action**. However, it might be helpful to know that there are three separate words in the Greek language for sprinkling, pouring, and immersion, just as there are in the English language. The Greek word meaning "immersion" is always the word that appears behind our English word, *baptism* (actually *baptismos*)

simply that Greek word spelled in English letters, a transliterated word). The Greek lexicons invariably define this word as an overwhelming, a dipping, a plunging, an immersion, a submersion—a burial.

There is no historical record of any other action related to baptism besides immersion until well into the third century. In A.D. 251, a very sick man by the name of Novation was near death and requested baptism. His brethren reasoned that immersion would kill him, so they poured some water on his head instead of immersing him. Centuries later sprinkling was added as another substitute for baptism. Both of these practices are unauthorized innovations of men.

The baptism pertaining to those who have lived since the Pentecost of Acts 2 (and that is to be preached and administered until "the end of the world" [Mat. 28:19-20]) is immersion in water to save the soul. If the **action** of baptism is unimportant (as millions have been taught), one may as well discard any semblance of the act itself as important or necessary (which millions have done). However, the New Testament teaches that the act of baptism is necessary and that only one action—immersion—constitutes baptism.

--Dub 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!

