

## Prayer List

Thomy Brewster, Croshia Elder, Doris Reyes Fernandez, Donna Fowler, Marc Genua, Anna Bell Green, Eleanor Green, Michelle Grimm, Gordon Hatcher, Dennis Hogan, Kenny Hughes, Paige Lackey, Juan Mandujano, Mary Lynn McAleer, Larry McCollum, Betty Miller, Magaly Orozco, Early Phillips, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Ronald Russell, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Jana Ward

### 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 Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, April 27	15/18/14
	Wednesday, April 30	20
Offering	Sunday, April 27	\$930.00

### Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Barry Simmons  
**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements & Prayer	Brad Green
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Kent Bailey
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Tommy Sanders
Assistant	Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	Keith Keever

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

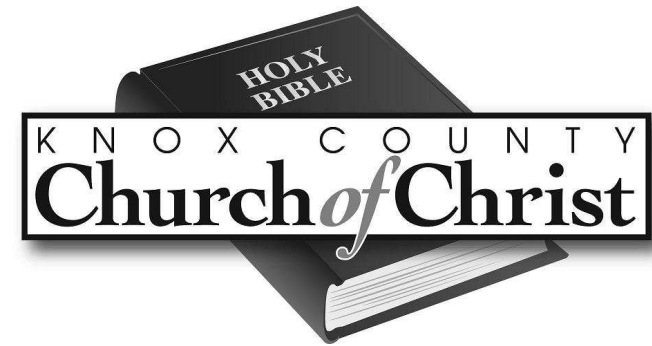
First Prayer	Brad Green
Songs	Kevin Felker
Sermon	Kent Bailey
Lord's Supper	Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer	Charles Hatcher

### Wednesday Night

Songs	Keith Keever
First Prayer	Terry Hurst
Devotional	Brad Green
Closing Prayer	David Snyder

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**Meeting Location:**  
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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

### "GOD DESIRES ALL ACCOUNTABLE INDIVIDUALS TO BE SAVED"

[Written by brother Kent Bailey, preacher for the  
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Adapted for space.]

The Gospel of Christ declares that accountable individuals by personal choice become sinners, and because of such sin, become separated from the fellowship of God (Rom. 3:23; 6:23). Among those lost individuals in need of God's salvation from sin we note five specific classes of individuals:

- Those who are unconcerned about salvation from sin,
- Those who believe that morality alone without Christ or the Gospel, or obedience to such, is sufficient for salvation,
- Those who sincerely believe that they have been too wicked and/or sinful for God to be willing to save them,
- Those who mistakenly and falsely believe that they have already been saved when in reality they have not,
- Those who are willing to search for Truth, accept such Truth, obey the conditions for salvation, and be saved from sin.

As we consider the importance of salvation we must properly define the term so as to come to a Biblical conclusion as to that which we are discussing. By the term "salvation" we refer to that of "rescue from danger of destination; saved from the punitive wrath of God on the last day" (Thayer). Because of making wrong choices that lead us to disobey God, the accountable individual stands condemned before God in sin, and thus stands in need of salvation from such sin

(Isa. 59:1-2; Luke 19:10; John 3:1-5; Tit. 2:11-15).

In examination of 2 Peter 3:1-9 we read of God's desire for individuals to return to Him in accepting divine Truth and obeying the conditions that are necessary for salvation from sin: "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). Such does not mean that those who remain in a lost condition will not face Christ in Judgment in a condemned state or condition. On the contrary; such means that in view of the destruction of this world those who go to the Judgment unprepared will face eternal separation from God in Hell (Rev. 20:11-15).

There are five arguments demonstrating that God desires the salvation of the lost:

- The case that there is one God, who is creator of us all, proves that God truly loves us and makes provision for our salvation (Acts 17:28-29; Heb. 12:9; 1 Pet. 4:19; 1 Cor. 2:6-7).
- The case being that Christ is one mediator provided for all (Isa. 59:1-2; John 1:4; 1 Timothy 1:15; 2:1-6). Because of the very nature of the ongoing work of Christ, salvation is made possible if individuals obey the conditions of salvation.
- The case being that there is one ransom that has been paid for sin demonstrates that God desires the salvation of all accountable individuals (Isa. 53:10; Rom. 5:8).
- The case being that there is one testimony, the Gospel of Christ, given to all accountable individuals proves that God desires the salvation of all accountable individuals (Rom. 1:16-17).
- The case being that Christ built only one church, one exclusive called out assembly,

comprised of all those who have been saved from past alien sins gives evidence that God desires the salvation of all accountable individuals (Mat. 16:18; Acts 2:47; Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:21-23; 4:4; 5:23).

One must learn the Truth to be saved. While one is not required to know the truth about the entire Bible in order to become a Christian, one is required to know that which is essentially linked to both Christ and our response in obedience to God's scheme of Redemption. If not, then why did Christ affirm that we are sanctified by Truth and that we must know such (John 17:17; 8:32)? If not, then why must we be taught of God and understand that which is essentially connected to God forgiving sin (John 6:44-45; Acts 28:23-27)?

One must obey the Truth to be saved (Rom. 6:17-18). Upon one's confession of their penitent faith in Christ one must die to sin, be buried in baptism and rise to walk in a new life in a new relationship which is in the church of the Lord (Rom. 6:1-7; Acts 2:37-47). To be saved not only must one become a Christian; the Christian must add graces (2 Pet. 1:5-11), and the unfaithful child of God must repent and return to the Lord (Acts 8:22). Let us not neglect salvation (Heb. 2:1-3).

--Kent Bailey

### Gospel Meeting

We are thankful to have brother Kent Bailey with us today for a one day Gospel Meeting. The topics will be:

The Eternal Nature of Truth  
The Object of Our Ambition  
What The Church of Christ Does Not Have