

## Prayer List

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Boyd Adkins, Marc Genua, Eleanor Green, Michelle Grimm, Virgil Hale, Betty Harama, Gordon Hatcher, Kenny Hughes, Evelyn Hunt, Magaly Orozco, Herbert and Jean Palmer, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Sam Teasley, Susan Vaigneur, Jana Ward, Andria Hurst Wood

- Amy Headrick is back in Ft. Sanders (Room 203) due to high protein levels in her blood.

## The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, May 31	16/19/16
	Wednesday, June 3	15
Offering	Sunday, May 31	\$602.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer before Sunday Class                      Tommy Sanders

### Sunday Morning Worship

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

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

First Prayer	Kevin Felker
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer	Charles Hatcher

### Wednesday Night

Songs	Brad Green
First Prayer	Terry Hurst
Devotional	Keith Keever
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

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### Meeting Location:

130 Mabry Hood Road  
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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



**“CHURCH GROWTH”**

*[The following article was written by Dub McClish, preacher for the Northpoint Church of Christ in Denton, TX, and was found on his website, www.thescripturecache.com]*

There has been much discussion among us in recent years about "church growth" and especially about why the church is not growing as rapidly as it did 30 years ago. Some point to the Jerusalem church in the early years (Acts 2–6) and seek to recreate the amazing numerical growth of that brief span. There was a marvelous numerical growth recorded in the first half of the 19th century as the plea to restore New Testament Christianity swept through our young nation. Again, the church led all religious groups in growth for a few years in the middle part of this century. Even now, there are some areas of our world (e. g., India) where the Gospel is most eagerly received.

There is a principle observable that explains both rapid growth periods and nongrowth periods: The fields are not equally ripe for harvesting everywhere at all times. Some places are "in season" while others are "out of season" (2 Tim. 4:2). The circumstances in Jerusalem that led to the exceptional growth in a short time will never be. The same is true of the great reception accorded the pioneer

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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.

restorers. Also, there were some peculiar circumstances prevailing in the middle part of this century that no longer prevail. While the same Gospel was preached in both Jerusalem and Athens, it did not produce the same results in both cities. It is folly to use Jerusalem's growth as a pattern for now or any other age.

Emphasis on the numerical growth of the church *as an end* is not found in the New Testament. The emphasis is on preaching the Gospel to as many lost souls as possible and letting growth, whether it be large or small (or even none), come therefrom. This is demonstrated both in the wording of the Great Commission and in its execution by the apostles.

Sadly, numerical growth has become the primary goal of some brethren. To them, large numbers equal success for the church. Many now accept large numbers as the sign of God's blessing upon their efforts. Sooner or later, when numerical growth is the end, almost every means of achieving it will be employed. We see it more and more among the brethren. The building of "family life centers," the use of singing groups that are professional entertainers and that mimic mechanical instruments with spiritual songs, the preaching of a no-fault, no-guilt "gospel" and a score of other come-ons for young and old are but obvious symptoms of the growth mania. It cannot avoid the rotten harvest of apostasy. Let us plant and water the seed of the kingdom and leave the growth to God (1 Cor. 3:6), rather than trying to force it by worldly procedures.

*— Dub McClish*

**Internet Broadcasting Changes**

We have changed to a new Internet broadcasting system which we hope will allow for a more reliable live broadcast. We are also in the process of moving our sermon archive to Youtube.

**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!

