

Prayer List

Brian Carver, Marc Genua, Eleanor Green, Virgil Hale, Betty Harama, Gordon Hatcher, Amy Headrick, Dennis Hogan, Kenny Hughes, Evelyn Hunt, Magaly Orozco, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Keith Russell, Dolores Snyder, Sam Teasley, Jana Ward, Mary York

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, October 25	22/25/21
	Wednesday, October 28	13
Offering	Sunday, October 25	\$1141.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Class Tommy Sanders

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & First Prayer	Barry Simmons
Songs	Kevin Felker
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Charles Hatcher
Contribution	Terry Hurst
Assisting	Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer	John Bagwell

Sunday Afternoon Worship

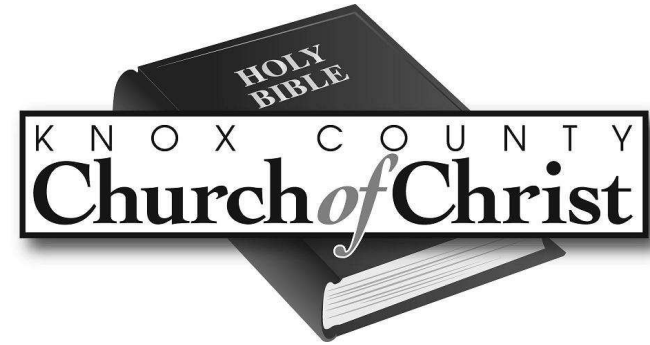
First Prayer	Terry Hurst
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Charles Hatcher
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

Wednesday Night

Songs	John Bagwell
First Prayer	Barry Simmons
Devotional	Keith Keever
Closing Prayer	Kevin Felker

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study.....9:30 AM
 Worship.....10:30 AM & 1:30 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 PM



From The Preacher's Pen

“AM I REALLY GOING TO FACE TRIALS?”

[This article by Lynn Parker appeared in the September 24, 2007 Beacon, A Publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]

Do you have an accurate view of life as a Christian? There are some that are surprised—maybe even shocked—when difficulties arise. Some brethren expect that the world and the brotherhood will always applaud them for doing right. They believe that for the Christian, problems are history and the rest of life is tantamount to a walk through a rose garden while the soft breeze blows to cool the brow. They believe the congregation, when faithful to God, will never have to face adversity or criticism. Because of inaccurate or unreal expectations of the Christian life, they are woefully unprepared when storm clouds blow and trials arise. Their faith is shaken, their commitment compromised, and they surrender. These hearts are either unaware of what our Lord teaches on the subject or worse, they did not believe what the Lord said!

You should know that God never promised His followers a life free from adversity and challenge. On the contrary, He tells all who would follow Him to expect opposition. You will be hated by some. Tribulation will come. Difficult moments will try the soul and test your faith. When problems arise, you seek out wisdom and consolation from above. Here are lessons our Lord would have us grasp for difficult times.

1. Jesus met opposition, and He taught the truth! Jesus loved the souls of men yet He was rejected. He said His followers would have opposition.

If the world hateth you, ye know that it hath hated me before *it hated* you. If ye were of

the world, the world would love its own: but because ye are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, A servant is not greater than his lord. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also (John 15:18-20).

2. Our God teaches us that there will be difficulties in this life, and they can serve to strengthen your soul.

Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, ye have been put to grief in manifold trials, that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold that perisheth though it is proved by fire, may be found unto praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ (1 Pet. 1:6-7).

Paul and Barnabas went through first century cities and visited congregations of the Lord's people. The purpose?

confirming the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and **that through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God** (Acts 14:22).

Brethren, we are told that there will be days in which trials **seem** overwhelming. But they are not.

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing (Jam. 1:2-4—KJV).

By the way, *patience* in James 1:2-4 can be

translated by our English word “endurance.” So then, will you falter in times of adversity, or will you learn from them and grow stronger?

3. Problems will come up in the church. Even the first century church, with leadership of apostles, had problems to face and error to oppose. Peter and the church in Jerusalem had Ananias and Sapphira and the problem of lying (Acts 5:1-11). The church in Pergamum had a problem with false teachers in the church as did the church in Thyatira. Both were sharply rebuked and warned to clean up the church! (Rev. 2:12ff). Corinth had fornication, strife, and needless division. An inspired letter gave command to put away the wicked and be spiritual rather than carnal (1 Cor. 1-5). As distasteful as such problems are to us, sometimes a congregation is made stronger by division. Paul stated that some division was necessary so that the faithful might be made manifest (1 Cor. 11:18-19). The apostle said that he was in “perils among false brethren” (2 Cor. 11:26). Finally, what should we do in the face of such difficult situations? Place your faith in God, put your hands to the plow, and like the faithful of yesterday, “run with patience the race that is set before us” (Heb. 12:1). Those in heaven will be those who refused to give up.

--Lynn Parker

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