

## PRAYER LIST

\*Let's be praying for God's blessing on our congregation!

\*The people of Ica, Peru as they recover from the recent earthquake.

\*Chela's 14 year old neice, Shyllenne, who is a Christian, is in need of prayers because of some family problems.

\*Diane Hutton continues to have problems with her knee and has been in the hospital.

\*Bobbie and Early Phillips both had joint replacement surgeries on Thursday. They are Sara Johnson's sister and brother-in-law.

\*Brenda Hatcher (Charles' mother) fell Thursday and broke her knee cap. She had surgery Thursday night and came home last night. She will be undergoing physical therapy for some time.

\*Let us give thanks that Betty made it safely back to Peru and that Barry and Sandra returned to us safely!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our web site (<http://knoxcoc.com>) is up. There is a link for the live audio broadcast of our Sunday services, as well as a video archive.

We have opened a checking account with Clayton Bank and Trust, so all of the checks that have been contributed have been deposited. Barry Simmons, Charles Hatcher, and Lance Green will be listed as signers on the account. Please continue to simply make checks out to "Church of Christ" as that is the name on the account.

## THOSE SERVING

### **Bible Class Teachers:**

Adult Sunday:	Barry Simmons
Adult Wednesday:	Brad Green
7-8 Year Olds:	Tresa Snyder
2-5 Year Olds:	Amanda Hatcher
Under 2:	Ashleigh Green

### **Morning Worship:**

Announcements & Opening Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lords Supper & Contribution	Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer	Lance Green

### **Afternoon Worship:**

Opening Prayer	Brian Carver
Songs	Jay Caldwell
Sermon	Brad Green
Lords Supper, Contribution, & Closing Prayer	Barry Simmons

## STATISTICS

Contribution	Sun., Sept 30 <sup>th</sup> :	\$527.51
Attendance	Sun., Sept 30 <sup>th</sup> :	24/24/25
	Weds., Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	21

From The Preacher's Pen

10/07/07

## Saved By Grace

We should be ever thankful for the grace of God that has made salvation possible. Without God's grace and mercy, man would be without hope and "most miserable" (1 Cor. 15:19). The inspired Paul wrote, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). Paul helps define "grace" by adding that salvation is a "gift" from God. Man's sin has separated himself from God (Isa. 59:1-2), but God loves man so much that God has made a plan by which man can be reconciled back to Him (John 3:16; Col. 1:21-23).

Many have used the phrase, "by grace are ye saved," to imply that one is saved by grace only. The verse, in no way, teaches such. In fact, we can know exactly how the Ephesian brethren were saved by grace through faith. During Paul's 3rd Evangelistic Journey, he once again visited the city of Ephesus (Acts 18:24). While there, he preached the truth (Acts 19:8), for without hearing the Word of God, one cannot be saved (Rom. 10:17). Of those Ephesians who heard the word some believed (Acts 19:18) and some did not (Acts 19:9). The Bible teaches that it is impossible to please God without faith (Heb. 11:6), and thus one must believe in order to be saved. The believing Ephesians acted upon God's grace and confessed that Jesus was the Christ and repented of their

past iniquities (Acts 19:18-19). So, in order to be saved by grace, the Ephesians had to confess and repent. Lastly, we know that the Ephesians were baptized in order to have their sins forgiven. How do we know this? The Ephesians believed what Paul preached (Acts 19:18). What did Paul preach about baptism? “And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). Paul taught that it was in water baptism where one has his sins washed away. In addition, immediately upon entering Ephesus, Paul encountered disciples who had been baptized with the baptism of John. After teaching them that the baptism of John was no longer in effect, the disciples “were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus” (Acts 19:5).

And so, we can know how to be saved by grace through faith. We simply need to follow the same pattern followed by the Ephesians to whom Paul was writing: 1) Hear the Word, 2) Believe the Word, 3) Repent of Sins, 4) Confess that Jesus is the Christ, and 5) Be Baptized in order to have our sins forgiven. After following God's plan to save, which was given to us by His grace, and not by the works of any man (Eph. 2:8-9), God will add one to His Church (Acts 2:47) and among the saved (2 Tim. 2:10; Eph. 1:22-23). We are saved by God's grace, but not by His grace alone. Man must appropriate that grace by humbly submitting to God's plan to save (Heb. 5:8-9) and by remaining faithful unto Him (Rev. 2:10).

--Brad Green

## *Church of Christ*

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*“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”*

*--Colossians 3:16-17 NKJV*

### SERVICE TIMES

We meet to worship at 10:30AM and 1:30PM on Sunday

We meet to study God's Word at 9:30AM Sunday and 7:00PM Wednesday

### MEETING LOCATION

We will continue to meet at the home of Brian and Dede Carver for the foreseeable future. We thank the Carver family for opening their home to us!

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