

## Prayer List

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Ann Brinkley, Debbie Caldwell, Ronald Carrigg, Barbara Jean Davis, Kenny Davis, Barbara Greeson, Diane Hutton, Juan Mandujano, Lavonne McClish, Lea Ousley, Joann Passons, Jerry Perkins, Bobbie Phillips, Verne Ragle, Robert Roush and family, Tim Smith, Deloris Snyder, Chris Stout, Jo Vineyard, Shelby Wheeler, Chela's niece Shyllenne

- Gordon Hatcher (Charles' father) is doing better after spending two days last week in the hospital. He is being treated for an apparent spider bite that left his elbow very swollen.
- Joy Glass (James Hutton's maternal Grandmother) has been experiencing bad pain in her hip.

## Announcements

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- We will have a men's meeting on Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes      Charles Hatcher

### Morning Worship

Announcements & First Prayer      Jay Caldwell  
Songs      Keith Keever  
Sermon      Brad Green  
Lords Supper & Contribution      Brian Carver  
    Assisting      James Hutton  
Closing Prayer      Lance Green

### Afternoon Worship

First Prayer      James Hutton  
Songs      Jay Caldwell  
Sermon      Brad Green  
Lord's Supper      Keith Keever  
Closing Prayer      Charles Hatcher

### Wednesday Night

Songs      Lance Green  
First Prayer      Brad Green  
Devotional      Brian Carver  
Closing Prayer      Jay Caldwell

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Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel  
11915 Kingston Pike  
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## Schedule of Services

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### Sunday

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

### Monday thru Wednesday

Meeting.....7:00 PM



# From The Preacher's Pen

## DIVINE PATTERN

Throughout every age, man has been subject to a Divine pattern. Noah was given a Divine pattern by which he was to build the ark. God commanded, "make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. And this is *the fashion* which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it...Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he" (Gen. 6:14-16, 22, emphasis B.G.). God was very specific in regards to what He required of Noah. Divine pattern was also to be adhered to during the Mosaic period. God was definitive in regards to His instructions to the children of Israel and did not tolerate anything to the contrary. The actions of Nadab and Abihu serve as evidence. Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which He commanded them not. And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD" (Lev. 10:1-2). Nadab and Abihu lost their lives because they did that which God "commanded them not." When God authorized the building of the altar of burnt incense, He instructed Aaron to, "offer no strange incense thereon" (Exo. 30:9). The pattern which Nadab and Abihu followed is quite different from the one followed by their father, Aaron, not too long after their deaths. God told Aaron to "take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the vail: And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not" (Lev. 16:12-13).

The New Testament also teaches a pattern for man today. Paul, by inspiration, commended the

Christians at Rome, "God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart *that form* of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17-18, emphasis B.G.). These individuals were only "made free from sin" after they obeyed the pattern given to them by God. Had they obeyed any teaching other than "that form of doctrine," they would have still been "servants of sin." Paul told the Church at Galatia, "though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other Gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:8). The pattern for salvation and the explanation for how one is added to Christ's Church is first recorded in Acts chapter two. Those Jews heard the Word of God (Acts 2:14), "they were pricked in their heart" (2:37), proving they believed what they heard, they repented of their past sins and were baptized in order to have those sins forgiven (2:38) and because of their obedience, God added them to His church (2:47). By following that same pattern, man can be saved and added today to the Church for which Christ died. God also designed a pattern for the way in which He desired His people to worship Him (John 4:24) and a pattern for how He wanted His Church organized (cf. Eph. 1:22-23; 1 Tim. 3:1-13).

By providing man with a pattern to observe, God has excluded all other patterns, thus furnishing us with examples that we *are not* to follow. The Apostle John states, "Beloved, *follow not* that which is evil" (3 John 11, emphasis B.G.). "Peter and the other Apostles answered" the Jewish leaders of the first century, "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29). Paul beseeches, "brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And *be not conformed to this world*: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, Will of God" (Rom. 12:1-2, emphasis B.G.). Throughout antiquity, man has desired to fit in and conform to his surroundings. "All the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us *like all the nations*" (1 Sam. 8:4-5, emphasis B.G.). God's

chosen people rejected Him as their King (1 Sam. 8:7) and longed for an earthly king in order to be like all the nations round about them. God warned His people not to "follow a multitude to do evil" (Exo. 23:2). The danger that awaits those who do follow the crowd of unrighteousness is utter destruction. The *majority* rejected the preaching of Noah and they all died in the flood (Gen. 7:22-23). The *majority* followed after the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah and were overthrown with fire and brimstone (Gen. 19:24-25). We should be extremely wary when men contend that we should agree with them simply because "everyone else does." It has been said many times and in many ways, "Wrong is wrong even if everybody is doing it. Right is right even if nobody is doing it."

God calls upon Christians to be "a peculiar people" (1 Pet. 2:9); a people who come out from among those who are wicked and practice error (2 Cor. 6:17). The inspired Paul states, "now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us" (2 The. 3:6). The Bible clearly teaches that Christians are not to fashion themselves after the ways of the world nor after that which seems to be most popular. In regards to error and the practice of sin, Christians are to be "non-conformers."

- Brad Green

### The Numbers

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| Attendance | Sunday, June 15    | 17/18/17 |
|            | Wednesday, June 11 | 16       |
| Offering   | Sunday, June 15    | \$478.11 |

### Location

We meet in the lower level of Click Funeral Home in Farragut, which is located next to Walgreens at the intersection of Kingston Pike and Smith Road, and directly across from Jefferson Federal Bank.