

Prayer List

Debbie Caldwell, Ronald Carrigg, Brad Green, Ella Green, Juan Mandujano, Mary Lynn McAleer, Jay Montgomery, Jerry Perkins, Tim Smith, Chris Stout

- Jimmy Thompson, preacher at West Newton in Indianapolis, is recovering from surgery.
- Cory Hilman (Keith Keever's great neice) is in the hospital in Oregon with a blood clot in her lung.
- Diane Coleman will be having surgery Tuesday to remove a mass.
- Rob Pratt (Brad Green's friend) has lost two family members in the last week.
- Ella Green will be having eye surgery on December 1st.

Announcements

- The next Men's Meeting will be Tuesday, September 30th at 7 PM.

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Charles Hatcher

Morning Worship

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| Announcements & First Prayer | Barry Simmons |
| Songs | David Snyder |
| Sermon | Brad Green |
| Lords Supper & Contribution | Brian Carver |
| Assisting | Lance Green |
| Closing Prayer | Jay Caldwell |

Afternoon Worship

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| First Prayer | James Hutton |
| Songs | Keith Keever |
| Sermon | Brad Green |
| Lord's Supper | Barry Simmons |
| Closing Prayer | Brian Carver |

Wednesday Night

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| Songs | Lance Green |
| First Prayer | Jay Caldwell |
| Devotional | David Snyder |
| Closing Prayer | Charles Hatcher |

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Lower Level —
 Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel
 11915 Kingston Pike
 Farragut, TN 37934

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

GREED

With the downturn of stocks on Wall Street this past week, much has been said about greed. In two days, the DOW dropped over 900 points. Fortunately, the Market made a rally and the simple truth about the Free Market is that it has *always* rallied after drops throughout history. There is much blame to go around in regards to this greed which can be blamed on CEO's who took advantage of a system that allowed them to make "a quick buck," lenders who loaned money, foolishly, to individuals who had no jobs, no income, and no assets, and the individuals who, foolishly, accepted these loans though they had no job, no income, and no assets. Greed is nothing new. The Bible warns, "for the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Tim. 6:10). Conversely, the Bible promotes being wise in regards to finances (Pro. 11:15; Mat. 25:11-30).

One of the symptoms that led to the "housing bubble" that burst and caused widespread panic on Wall Street can find correlation with symptoms that lead to error in the Lord's Church. Compare the attitude and actions of the lending institutions to many individuals in the Church. The lending institutions were so interested in making large amounts of money, in a small amount of time, that they were willing to make loans that anyone with an eighth grade education (or less) would acknowledge was stupid. In like manner, many in the Church are so eager to increase the number of their attendance and the amount of money they are able to collect on Sundays, that they are willing to do just about anything, regardless of Scriptural authority, to achieve that goal. Many congregations turn a

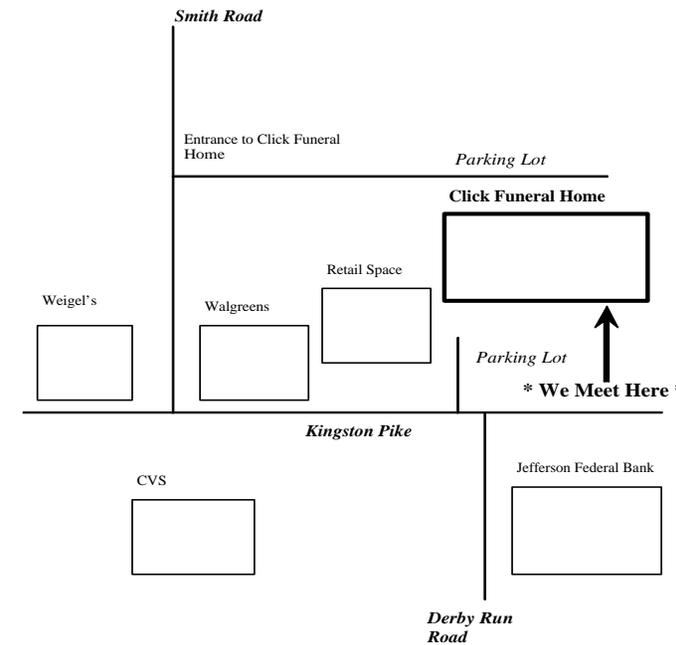
blind eye towards any and all newcomers because they conclude that warm bodies in pews are more important than faithfulness. Jesus says, "beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves" (Mat. 7:15). Other congregations are willing to ignore public sins and extend the "right hands of fellowship" (Gal. 2:9) to those who have sown discord among brethren as well as those who are living in adultery. They brush off the fact that sowing discord is an abomination to and hated by God (Pro. 6:16-19) and neglect God's command, "to deliver such an one [a fornicator] unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus" (1 Cor. 5:5). One congregation allowed a man and his family to come in and cause dissension in that congregation (that had been at peace and faithful) because the man was determined to use the NIV perversion of the Bible. Rather than teaching that man about the dangers of such a translation and the fact that the NIV is a paraphrase of men full of denominational error, the congregation tried to compromise and the result was lamentable. Liberal congregations have added "children's ministries" (which usually turn out to be nothing more than "play time"), have given leadership roles to women (even to the point of putting women in a position to make business decisions for the congregation), have built gymnasiums using Church funds, compromised the truth of God crying, "peace, peace; when there is no peace" (Jer. 6:14) sweeping error under the rug, and the list could go on and on. Why do congregations let these things happen? It's nothing more than a "get rich quick scheme." Only in this case, the souls of men have taken the place of "the almighty dollar." Satan is, no doubt, extremely pleased with this greed – the greed that would allow members of the Church to do whatever it takes to fill their pews and collection plates and disregard the Law of God in doing so.

Let us be more interested in *converting* the lost and *edifying* the saved with the powerful Word of God (Rom. 1:16-17) rather than changing God's Word into a lie (Rom. 1:25) in order to allure more attendees. Preaching and practicing a perverted gospel will do no one any good (Gal. 1:8) even though it seems to bring in the crowds. Let us be interested in seeking and saving the lost (Luke 19:10) and loving God enough to obey Him (Heb. 5:8-9) – this is the key to true success.

—Brad Green

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



The Numbers

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| Attendance | Sunday, Sept. 14 | 26/27/20 |
| | Wednesday, Sept. 17 | 19 |
| Offering | Sunday, Sept. 14 | \$663.00 |