

Prayer List

Linda Balthrop, Debbie Caldwell, Joy Glass, Jake Hanna, Michael Hatcher, Cory Hillman, Bobby King, Brenda Levister, Juan Mandujano, Mary Lynn McAleer, Jay Montgomery, Tony Priola, Tim Smith, Chris Stout

- Ashleigh Green will be having surgery on February 12th.
- David & Tresa Snyder and Ashleigh & Ella Green are traveling
- Barry and Sandra Simmons are traveling.
- Rex Davis, the brother of April Green's uncle, Kenny Davis, passed away last week.
- Sara Johnson's sister-in-law passed away last week. The funeral was Friday.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, February 1	28/28/26	
	Wednesday, February 4	14	
Offering	Sunday, February 1	\$913.00	

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Brian Carver

Morning Worship

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

Afternoon Worship

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

Wednesday Night

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

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Temporary Meeting Location —

Clayton Bank and Trust Office
Across From Ingles
11820 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

CRITICISM

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Jesus warned that some would reproach us and say all manner of evil against us (Mat. 5:11-12). How should we respond to criticism? It is normal to desire encouragement. Few could survive constant criticism without plunging over the precipice of mental illness. Even occasional criticism is painful. It is so painful that some elders, deacons, and preachers have quit serving because of it. Others have even quit the church. Countless good works are never begun because of criticism. Other good works have been undermined and killed by it.

Some folks major in criticism. Jesus specifically had this terrible trait in mind when he warned, "Judge not, that ye be not judged" (Mat. 7:1). He does not forbid all judging, but He rebukes in this statement those who spend much or most of their time doing it. Some Christians seem to receive a fiendish delight in criticizing an elder (or all of the elders) or the preacher. Our Lord was the only perfect man who ever lived, and men often criticized Him nonetheless.

How should we react to criticism?

- We should do right in spite of it. The critics were not able to deter Jesus from His purpose. In spite of them He pressed on: "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me and to accomplish his work" (John 4:34). Think of our terrible plight if Christ had let criticism defeat Him. We are in the God-pleasing business rather than the manpleasing business (Gal. 1:10), and it is sometimes easier to please God than men. We must not say, "Why keep on trying?" and quit doing right

when we are criticized.

- We should try to profit from criticism. Some critics want to help us and they will do so if we will let them. We should not consider constructive critics our enemies for telling us the truth (Gal. 4:16). Surely, none of us is above criticism. However, much criticism is intended to hurt; it is more for the benefit of the giver than for the receiver. Such verbal assassins may make a frontal attack where several others can hear, or they may drop an ominous suggestion here and there. They may use an anonymous call or letter. Often they will criticize their victim to anyone besides the victim himself (they "bite" behind his back, thus the term, "backbiting"). They may open a full-scale slander campaign, all the while claiming to "love" their target. We should even try to profit from such painful and unfair criticism as this.
- Finally, we should try to live so that criticism is not justified, or that it is at least kept to a minimum. Remember, the more you try to do, the more you will be criticized. If you must criticize another, try to be helpful rather than hurtful.

-Dub McClish

Location

We meet in the former O'Charley's in Farragut off Kingston Pike across from Ingles. Look for the "Future Home of Clayton Bank and Trust" sign.

The church of Christ

- Built by Jesus Christ (Matthew 16:18)
- Purchased by Jesus Christ (Acts 20:28)
- Established on the first Pentecost after the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38, 41, 47)
- Jesus is the Head (Colossians 1:18)
- The Bible is her only doctrine (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Jude 3; 2 Peter 1:3)
- God adds those being saved to the church (Acts 2:47; Mark 16:16)
- Jesus will present the church to His Father (Ephesians 5:27)
- There is only one church (Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 4:4; Ephesians 1:22-23)

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)