

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 continues to recover from surgery.
- Barry and Sandra Simmons are traveling.
- Kathern Green (Brad and Lance's mother) will have surgery on Feb. 25th.
- Veronica Dupree (Charles Hatcher's cousin) has cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy
- Rashay Driscoll (daughter of a close friend of Amanda Hatcher's parents) has cervical cancer.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, February 15	26/26/25	
	Wednesday, February 18	17	
Offering	Sunday, February 15	\$1034.00	

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Keith Keever

Morning Worship

Announcements & First Prayer	Barry Simmons
Songs	Jay Caldwell
Sermon	Brad Green
Lords Supper & Contribution	Brian Carver
Assisting	Charles Hatcher
Closing Prayer	James Hutton

Afternoon Worship

First Prayer	Brian Carver
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer	Charles Hatcher

Wednesday Night

Songs	James Hutton
First Prayer	Jay Caldwell
Devotional	Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer	Lance Green

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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

OUT WITH THE NEW; IN WITH THE OLD

To most, the title of this article probably seems reversed. The phrase, “out with the old; in with the new,” is a common one. This phrase is customarily used in regard to the always changing and progressing industries of technology. Computers, cell phones, I-pods, and Blackberries sold today will be obsolete tomorrow. New cars become “used” cars immediately after they are driven off the lot. The world’s obsession with having the newest and best (and more of it) has driven the current downturn in the U.S. economy. People were buying new cell-phones rather than paying their debts. They were buying homes with prices far exceeding their reasonable ability to pay, with no money down, and with the encouragement of liberal Congressional leaders like Reps. Barney Frank and Maxine Waters. The problem is not man’s desire to have a home, but man’s inability to be content with what he can afford (Phi. 4:11). The problem is not having things that are new, but rather it is the misplaced trust and love in the physical which leads man to do things he ought not (1 Tim. 6:10). The rich man who tore down his old barns to “build greater” (Luke 12:18) did not sin in that act. His sin was in placing his trust in himself and his earthly treasures rather than laying up for himself “treasures in heaven” (Mat. 6:20). Jesus concluded that this man’s error was that he was “not rich toward God” (Luke 12:21).

The same mentality has led to “new” innovations in the religious world as a means to attract and retain people who were supposed to have been converted out of such (Acts 3:19; Col. 1:13). In the minds of many, the Gospel is not powerful enough to save (Rom. 1:16) and new programs and sources of entertainment are

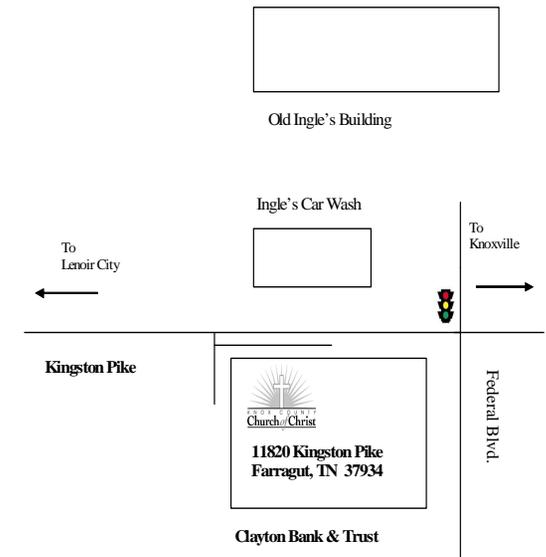
needed to “keep up with the times.” Many in the Church are saying, “out with the old; in with the new.” There exists a solemn need for the Church to respond forcefully – “No! Out with the new; in with the old.” The prophet Jeremiah states, “Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the *old paths*, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls” (Jer. 6:16, emphasis B.G.). Dire consequences await if there is not a restoration and return to the “old paths.” The restoration led by King Josiah should serve as an inspiring Scriptural example. The restoration began with the reading of the Word of God (2 Kin. 22:8-11). This remedy is so simple to understand, seeing that the “new” innovations being introduced in worship and practice are themselves a product of disregarding the law of God. Next, Josiah proclaimed, “out with the new.” “Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel” (2 Chr. 34:33). Josiah then proceeded to enact the “old paths” by re-instating proper and authorized worship to God (2 Chr. 35:1-19).

Sadly, our call to oust the new and return to the old will we be received the same way it was in the days of Jeremiah. “But they said, We will not walk therein” (Jer. 6:16). However, our cause is just. Let us continue to plant, water, and let God give the increase (1 Cor. 3:6) as we walk in the “old paths”.

—Brad Green

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.



Announcements

- Donald Shipley obeyed the Gospel and was baptized into Christ on Monday, Feb. 16. Please pray for and encourage him as he begins his life as a Christian. Donald, welcome to the "household of God." "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God" (Eph. 2:19).
- The Men's Business Meeting will be next Monday, March 2, at 7:00 PM.
- Contending For The Faith Lectureship begins today in Spring, TX. The theme is, "Religion & Morality -- From God Or Man". Lectures can be viewed online at <http://www.churchesofchrist.com>.