

Prayer List

Linda Balthrop, Linda Brackett, Debbie Caldwell, Rashay Driscoll, Veronica Dupree, Joy Glass, Jake Hanna, Cory Hillman, John Johnson, Ashley Keever, Bobby King, Brenda Levister, Juan Mandujano, Mary Lynn McAleer, Jay Montgomery, Tony Priola, Monty Russell, Tim Smith, Chris Stout

- Brenda Levister had surgery Thursday night.
- Keith and Chela Keever are traveling.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, June 14	24/22/19
	Wednesday, June 17	25
Offering	Sunday, June 14	\$676.04

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Charles Hatcher

Morning Worship

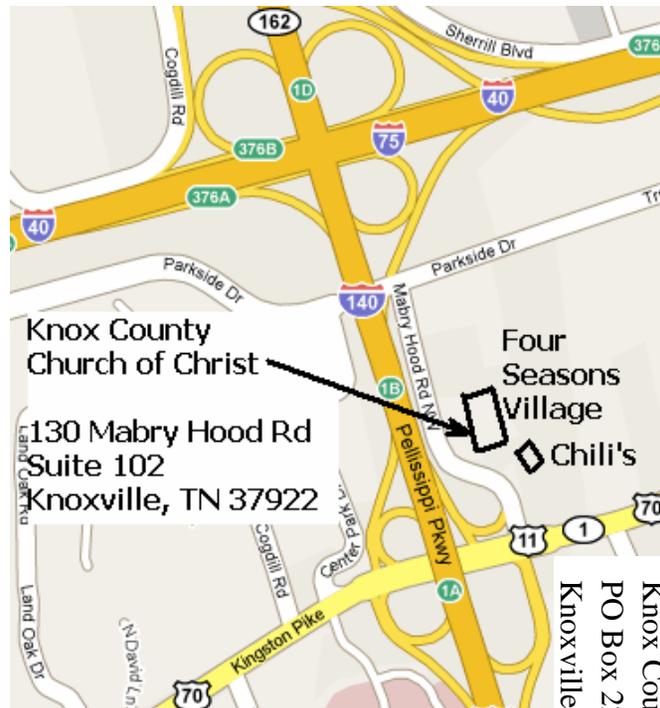
Announcements & First Prayer Barry Simmons
 Songs David Snyder
 Sermon Brad Green
 Lords Supper & Contribution James Hutton
 Assisting Lance Green/Levy Cox
 Closing Prayer Jay Caldwell

Afternoon Worship

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

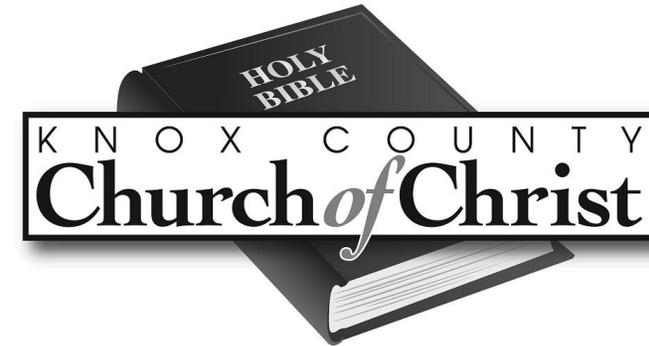
Wednesday Night

Songs Brian Carver
 First Prayer Jay Caldwell
 Devotional Barry Simmons
 Closing Prayer David Snyder



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Meeting Location:

130 Mabry Hood Drive
 Suite 102
 Knoxville, TN 37922

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

THOUGHTS ON ATTENDANCE

[The following is an article written by brother Dub McClish, preacher for the Northpoint church of Christ, Denton, TX.]

There is more to being faithful to God than “church attendance.” However, does faithfulness require it (to please God, to grow spiritually, to be saved)? I am not asking if merely the preacher and/or elders and other members care, but does God care? Scripture gives a resounding affirmative answer. Consider the following:

The Lord's day assembly: Saints are commanded to partake of the Lord's supper to remember the death of Christ (1 Cor. 11:24). Both apostolic example (Acts 20:7) and uninspired early church history confirm that the assembled church ate the Lord's supper each first day of the week. To provide money for the work of the church, the assembled church was commanded to give on the first day of the week (1 Cor. 16:1-2). These things were taught and practiced “everywhere in every church” (1 Cor. 4:17). To **willfully** miss the Lord's day assembly is to disregard these apostolic examples and commands.

Other assemblies: Are other meetings (e.g., Sunday evening, Sunday morning Bible study, Wednesday evening, Gospel Meetings, Bible Lectureships, et al.) Scriptural or unscriptural? Various meetings besides those on Sunday were held with apostolic approval in the early church (Acts 2:46; 4:23; 12:12; et al.). Meetings for study, worship, and fellowship strengthen us and thus serve a Scriptural function (Heb. 5:12ff; 2 Pet. 3:18). In spite of the Scriptural precedent and practical need for these meetings, some still irresponsibly cling to the “Lord's supper only” attendance habit.

A direct command: The New Testament explicitly prohibits fornication, theft, murder, **and** “forsaking our own assembling together” (Heb.

10:25, ASV 1901). Positively stated, this verse commands us to attend the assemblies of the church. It neither specifies nor limits these either to the Lord's day or the Lord's supper assemblies. To be absent is not the same as to “forsake.” The sick person who is thereby prevented from attending is absent from but does not forsake the assembly. To forsake means to **choose not to attend** when one is able to do so. Whenever there is a gathering at which we can be taught and exhorted and at which we can praise God, we are obligated to be present. Why would any of God's children **not want** to be present?

Miscellaneous principles: True lovers of God have always cherished worship and study opportunities (Psa. 42:1-4; 84:1-2, 10; Mat. 5:6; et al.). Can one seriously claim to “seek first the kingdom” (Mat. 6:33) while he carelessly forsakes its assemblies? What do you think? Does God care where you are when the saints meet?

- *Dub McClish*

“A GREAT DOOR AND EFFECTUAL IS OPENED” (1 Cor. 16:9).

We recently concluded a study of First Corinthians and have discussed the above statement in detail. The apostle Paul was describing a wonderful opportunity to preach the Gospel and enjoy a widespread and productive harvest. A great door and effectual has been opened unto us. The Knox County Church of Christ has reaped the benefits of faithfully teaching the Truth and remaining wholly obedient in service to God. We have grown in spirit and in Truth. Souls have been added to the Kingdom of Christ and we have just begun to grow numerically. Now, we begin meeting at our new facility – one that is in a good location and one at which we can advertise our whereabouts and times of services freely. Let us kick this door wide open. Contact as many people as you can to inform them of our new location. Send out invitations encouraging people to come and worship with us like you would

for our Gospel Meetings. Every time God has opened a door, we've stormed through. Don't stop now.

- *Brad Green*

TO OUR FATHERS

This congregation is truly blessed because of its godly fathers. The strength of the Church is totally dependant upon the strength of the home. A strong and faithful congregation will be composed of strong and faithful families headed by strong and faithful husbands/fathers. Sadly, many parents have turned over the reins of authority to their children. The congregations at which those families attend are reaping the results. The worship and work of such congregations appear to have been devised by children rather than by God and resemble a zoo or a circus rather than a solemn occasion to offer “sacrifice of praise to God” (Heb. 13:15). On this Father's Day, let us rejoice in the fact that our father's love God and are committed to instilling that love in their families.

Thank you, fathers:

- For raising your children “in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4).
- For instructing your children in wisdom and truth (Pro. 1:8).
- For correcting your children in love (Pro. 3:12).
- For being a godly head of your home (Eph. 5:23).
- For loving your wives “even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it” (Eph. 5:25).

Let us obey our “parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise)” (Eph. 6:1-2).

- *Brad Green*