

## Prayer List

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Linda Balthrop, Linda Brackett, Debbie Caldwell, Rashay Driscoll, Veronica Dupree, Lily Griswold, Jake Hanna, Cory Hillman, John Johnson, Ashley Kever, Brenda Levister, Juan Mandujano, Mary Lynn McAleer, Jay Montgomery, Tony Priola, Keith Russell, Monty Russell, Tim Smith, Chris Stout

## Announcements

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- Congratulations to Tommy and Linda Sanders on the birth of their granddaughter on Monday.

## The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, July 12	24/24/24
	Wednesday, July 15	26
Offering	Sunday, July 12	\$565.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes                      Lance Green

### Morning Worship

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

### Afternoon Worship

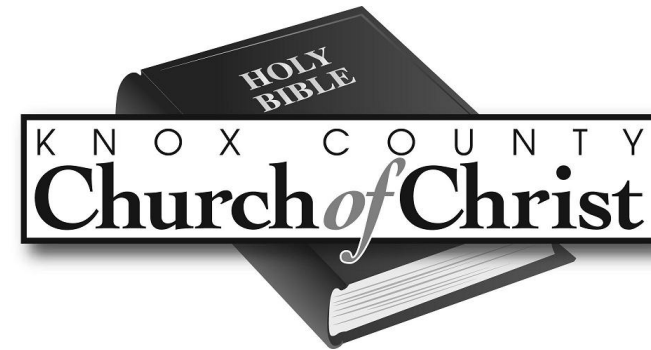
First Prayer	James Hutton
Songs	Keith Kever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer	Charles Hatcher

### Wednesday Night

Songs	David Snyder
First Prayer	Tommy Sanders
Devotional	Keith Kever
Closing Prayer	Jay Caldwell

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**July 19, 2009**



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**Meeting Location:**  
 130 Mabry Hood Drive  
 Suite 102  
 Knoxville, TN 37922

## Schedule of Services

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### Sunday

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

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 PM



## From The Preacher's Pen

### A PLEA FOR DOCTRINAL PURITY

[The following was written by Dub McClish, preacher for the Northpoint church of Christ, Denton, TX: <http://www.scripturecache.com>. Scripture quotations are from the American Standard Version, 1901]

There was never a more devilish doctrine than that doctrinal purity is unimportant. None can read the New Testament with an unbiased eye and keep from seeing this emphasis. It begins with such representative statements from the Christ as, "If ye abide in My word, then are ye truly My disciples" (John 8:31) and does not end until the final words of the Sacred volume (Rev. 22:18-19). No New Testament author neglects this emphasis.

The motive of this strong and consistent theme is the truth that the Word of God, through His Son, is God's spiritual "seed" (Luke 8:11). If the seed is faithfully preserved and planted, it can produce nought but the plant imprinted by God on its spiritual DNA (Gal. 6:7). Moreover, when the seed germinates and produces God's plant, that spiritual plant, the church, can remain pure, healthy, and strong only so long as it feeds upon the pure food of the Gospel. Apostasy cannot be defined apart from doctrinal corruption.

When one or one hundred saints move away from Christ it is because they have embraced a different, perverted "gospel" (Gal. 1:6-7). The reason why any congregation today is different from what it faithfully was even one generation ago is that the doctrine has been changed. The two — the doctrine and the church — are inseparably linked. When the doctrine is changed, a vicious cycle, almost incapable of being interrupted, is set in motion. Change of doctrine creates change in the church — its work and worship — and the more the church changes, the more true doctrine is despised, causing yet

further digressions in the church.

This is why the inspired men were so boldly militant in the preservation of Divine Truth. As they were, so must we be, set for the defense of the Gospel, being always ready to give answer for our hope and contending earnestly for the faith (Phi. 1:16; 1 Pet. 3:15; Jude 3). This is precisely why Paul made his powerful appeal on this theme to the saints at Rome: "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them that are causing the divisions and occasions of stumbling, contrary to the doctrine which ye learned: and turn away from them" (Rom. 16:17). No better illustration can be found of the consequences of ignoring this appeal than the total apostasy of the church at Rome. The Roman congregation remained a church of Christ only so long as she faithfully preached and practiced apostolic doctrine. When tolerance of false doctrine and its teachers began to prevail, the loss of her Scriptural identity was sealed; the seed was corrupted. Over a span of the next few centuries it developed into the monstrosity known as the Roman Catholic Church. Will we learn the lessons of history?

*-Dub McClish*

### 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)

### Map To Our Location

