

## Prayer List

Antono Acosta's mother-in-law (tumor), Linda Balthrop, Linda Brackett, Debbie Caldwell, Rashay Driscoll, Veronica Dupree, Nancy Glass, Lily Griswold, Jake Hanna, John Johnson, Brenda Levister, Mary Lynn McAleer, Jay Montgomery, Tony Priola, Tim Smith, Lisa Sollars mother, Chris Stout

## Announcements

- Thanks to everyone for their hard work in promoting our Meeting.
- We will be having lunch after morning services. We encourage everyone stay and eat.
- Thanks to Kent Bailey for preaching for us today.

### WELCOME VISITORS

**We invite you to attend our services every time you have the opportunity.**

## Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes      Barry Simmons

### Morning Worship

Announcements & First Prayer      Brad Green  
 Songs      David Snyder  
 Sermon      Kent Bailey  
 Lords Supper & Contribution      Jay Caldwell  
     Assisting      Levy Cox/Donald Shipley  
 Closing Prayer      Charles Hatcher

### Afternoon Worship

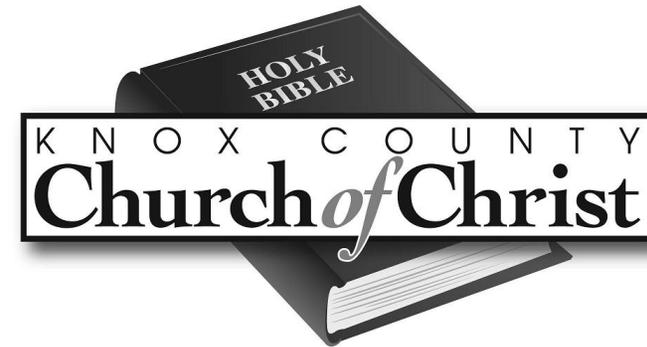
First Prayer      James Hutton  
 Songs      Keith Keever  
 Sermon      Kent Bailey  
 Lord's Supper      David Snyder  
 Closing Prayer      Brian Carver

### Wednesday Night

Songs      Lance Green  
 First Prayer      Barry Simmons  
 Devotional      Charles Hatcher  
 Closing Prayer      James Hutton

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**October 11, 2009**



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

### “VICTORY IN CHRIST”

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[This article is written by brother Kent Bailey, preacher for the Northside Church of Christ, Calhoun, GA. It has been adapted to fit in this bulletin.]

Living as Christians is not always without its problems. When one considers the opponents that we must face, the battles that we must fight, and the obstacles that we must overcome; we are reminded how much we need God. Paul, the apostle of Christ noted: “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” (Eph. 6:12). Paul’s epistle to the church at Rome serves as an inspired reminder to us that even though there are difficulties in being faithful to Christ, God will provide the means for us to accomplish victory in Christ by our own personal living as well as attaining the desired goals collectively as a local New Testament church (cf. Rom. 8:31-39). Without a doubt the church of Christ at Rome had a clear concept regarding the imagery that Paul set forth in these passages. The case being that they lived in the capitol city of the Empire, they understood quite well not only the basic definition of the term conqueror; they also understood by personal observation that which was involved regarding military victories. They witnessed the triumphs and the captives that were returned to Rome. They took note of the valuable treasures and the foreign kings presented before the Emperor. They saw the mighty generals receiving adoration and praise from the masses. All of such was accomplished before a conquered people, who were now subjugated before the Roman Empire. In light of all of this we especially take note of verse 37 where Paul wrote, “Nay in all these things we are more than

conquerors through Him that loved us.” In writing to brethren in Christ who truly understood the concept of being a conqueror, he invited them to become even greater than conquerors through faithful victorious living in Christ. If we faithfully endure the hardships and sufferings of living for Christ, we shall accomplish more than only attaining a triumph over them; we shall have attained growth in our character and purpose for our faithfulness. Even the evil things of life with which our enemies mean to crush us may be so used to accomplish ultimate good on our behalf. But how can we attain this victory in Christ?

### **Batter Down The Walls Of The Citadels Of Sin And Error**

Sin alienates and separates individuals from God. Paul affirms that “the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Rom. 6:23). Victory will only be ours conditioned upon our fighting the good fight of the faith and laying hold upon eternal life (1 Tim. 6:12). We must indeed fight for the richest treasure--that of eternal life (Mark 8:34-38). We must be willing to do battle for the crown of life, even if it means encountering that of sacrifice and suffering. Unto the angel of the church in Smyrna, Christ stated, “I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are of the synagogue of Satan. Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life” (Rev. 2:9-10). The gospel of Christ is the only power of God unto Salvation. If we make use of this message we will defeat our arch enemy (Rom. 1:16-17).

### **Make Proper Use Of The Weapons That God Provides Us**

The weapons of God’s truth are indeed mighty (2 Cor. 10:4). We therefore must make adequate usage of them: “wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints” (Eph. 6:13-18).

### **Obey The Orders Of Our Great Commander**

Christ is our captain: “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became Him, for whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings (Heb. 2:9-10). Because the reward can be ours, we must earnestly contend for the faith (Jude 3). Victory indeed can be ours (1 Cor. 15:51-58; Rev. 21:1-7)!

—*Kent Bailey*

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### **The Numbers**

Attendance	Sunday, October 4	23/23/21
	Wednesday, October 7	28
Offering	Sunday, October 4	\$798.40