

Prayer List

Linda Balthrop, Linda Brackett, Debbie Caldwell, Rashay Driscoll, Veronica Dupree, Nancy Glass, Lily Griswold, Ella Green, Jake Hanna, Gordon Hatcher, John Johnson, Brenda Levister, Mary Lynn McAleer, Jay Montgomery, Tony Priola, Tim Smith, Lisa Sollars mother, Chris Stout

- Martha Bentley is back at Shannondale Health Care Center (Middlebrook Pike), Room 337 after being in the hospital this past week following a mild stroke.
- Ella Green will be having an EEG test on Monday.

Announcements

Our next Men's Meeting is Mon., Dec. 7 at 7 PM.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, November 22	30/31/22
	Wednesday, November 25	19
Offering	Sunday, November 22	\$846.50

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Lance Green

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer	David Snyder
Songs	Jay Caldwell
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Brian Carver
Assistants	Donald Shipley & Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	Keith Keever

Sunday Afternoon Worship

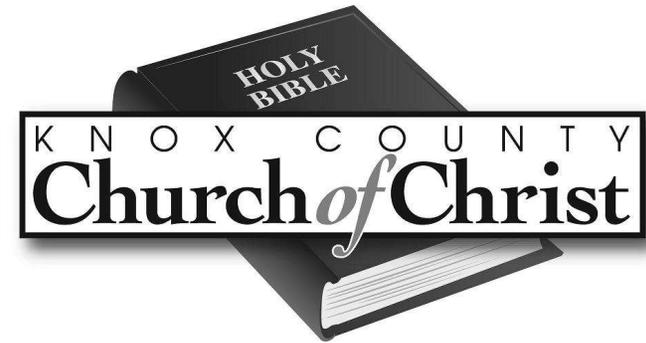
First Prayer	Barry Simmons
Songs	Various
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Jay Caldwell
Closing Prayer	Tommy Sanders

Wednesday Night

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

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Meeting Location:
130 Mabry Hood Road
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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

OVERCOMING INGRATITUDE

[The following article is written by brother Kent Bailey, preacher for the Northside church of Christ, Calhoun, GA.]

Life is an interlude between birth and death. Many things will cross our paths during our brief moments on earth. As we contemplate all of the blessings that we receive during our lives, both of a physical and spiritual nature, as Christians; we should be the most grateful of all people. Ingratitude is defined as forgetfulness of, or poor return for kindness received. It may also be properly defined as that of lacking in appreciation of the value of what you have, or have been given.

Most all of us have given gifts to others without receiving thanks for such. We have all done business with perhaps a restaurant or some type of store where we were never thanked for our patronage. There have, no doubt, been times in our lives where even family members or dear friends have failed to properly express their gratitude for love demonstrated, special favors granted, and costly sacrifices made on their behalf. It is not the case that we necessarily desire the praise or attention by the noting of such. It is simply a desire on our part to know that such sacrifices that have been made by us are received by the recipient with the knowledge of our love for them.

In today's fast pace world, most individuals seem to not have adequate time to express their gratitude for anything. Employment, traffic, family, soccer practice, doctor appointments, and countless additional tasks have become their main priorities. Taking a multiplicity of blessings for granted in conjunction with a busy life style has destroyed the thinking process of many.

Turning Blessings Into Curses

In Deuteronomy 28, Moses accounts that God will either bless or curse Israel contingent upon their reaction to Him and His word. God, in the past, had blessed this people abundantly. By forgetting God, they would turn those blessings into curses. In Romans 1, Paul addresses the fact that the Gentile world had sunk to the low depths of depravity. As we take special note of verse 21 we find the reason for such was because that when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, *neither were thankful*; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish hearts were darkened. The ingratitude in the lives of these individuals brought bad results in the way that they both viewed and reacted to God.

Romans 1:29-32 informs us that ingratitude led the Gentile world to be filled with unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malignity, whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, and without mercy. The end result of such thinking and practice is eternal death in the lake of fire (Rev. 20:12-15).

We live in a society that enjoys plentiful food, shelter, electricity, running water, wealth, air conditioning, heating, transportation, sanitation, and many other material blessings. Our society has also enjoyed the blessings of God's truth being available in printed and spoken form. The church of Christ in the last one hundred years has sounded forth the gospel from one end of the earth to the other.

Materialism has become the false-god of many. The great blessings bestowed upon us by our bountiful Creator has, through the rejection of His word, been turned into a great curse for our nation! We as the church collectively and as

Christians distributively must present the truth of God in its simplicity and purity to bring our nation and many of our own brethren to repentance and a return to God and His divine plan.

We Can Overcome The Sin Of Ingratitude

- Remember to **NEVER** forget God and His Word (Psa. 103:2; Gen. 40:23; Luke 17:11-19).
- Do not dwell on your problems but rather count your blessings.
- Consider how detestable ingratitude really is (Rom. 1:21).
- Express your gratitude! Do so verbally (1 The. 5:18; Eph. 5:20; Psa. 107:1-2). Do so with your life style (Psa. 116:12).
- Avoid over-emphasis on the non-essentials of life.
- Be grateful for the spiritual blessings in Christ (Eph. 1:3).
- Be grateful for our families.
- Be grateful for our nation.
- Be grateful for our opportunities to serve God.
- Be grateful for those who are truly our friends.
- Be grateful for Christ.
- Be grateful for the difficulties that have made us stronger Christians.
- Do away with constant complaining.
- Always remember that we are the recipients and that God is the giver of all good things.

Time is short and the judgment of God upon sin is certain. May we have the love for God, the truth, His only begotten Son, and the souls of humanity to determine here and now that our goal is Heaven and that our work will not end until Christ comes.

-- Kent Bailey