

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 continues to recover at Shannondale Health Care Center (Middlebrook Pike), Room 337.
- Diane Capps has been home sick for a while. She will be seeing a specialist for her respiration problems on the 23rd.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, December 6	20/21/18
	Wednesday, December 9	19
Offering	Sunday, December 13	\$952.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Lance Green

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer Tommy Sanders
Songs David Snyder
Sermon Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution Barry Simmons
Assistants Donald Shipley & Levy Cox
Closing Prayer James Hutton

Sunday Afternoon Worship

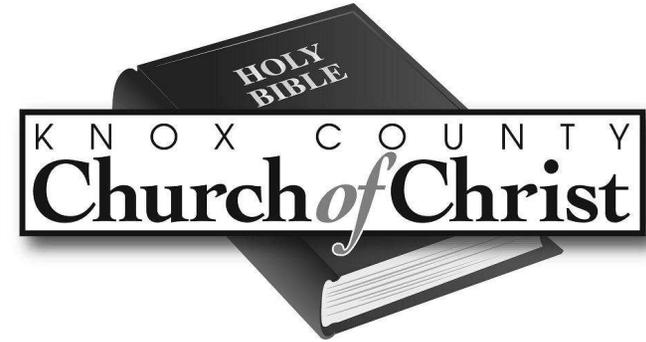
First Prayer Jay Caldwell
Songs Keith Keever
Sermon Brad Green
Lord's Supper Lance Green
Closing Prayer Charles Hatcher

Wednesday Night

Songs James Hutton
First Prayer Tommy Sanders
Devotional David Snyder
Closing Prayer Brian Carver

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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

NARROW-MINDED

Often, faithful Christians are accused of being “narrow-minded.” It is a heinous attack that is, most times, untrue. Still, however, the claim is made and promulgated as fact to all who will listen. How many times has Satan successfully damaged (in the eyes of the world) the reputation of a faithful servant of Christ with a simple claim based on little or nothing at all? In our brotherhood today, elderships are “marking” and “withdrawing fellowship” from men based only on claims, rather than evidence. Whether the claim is true or not, those who have been “marked” have had their character tarnished in the eyes of individuals who do not know them. So it is with the claim, “narrow-minded.” It is a pejorative. It is a belittling label that no one desires to own. It is an assertion that usually places the accused on the defensive and “back on their heels.” Perhaps, that is the primary purpose of the term – to avoid answering Scriptural questions, the onus is transferred from the one being questioned to the questioner. Sadly, many in error have been able to “slide under the radar” by hurling a “You are narrow-minded,” or “You are a ‘legalist.’” I was once accused of being a “legalist.” I told my accuser to name what I had done that was legalistic, and I would confess my sin and repent publicly on Sunday morning. The man’s reply – silence. It was just a claim.

As Christians, we must be “Christ-minded” (Phi. 2:5). Jesus and His Word must be our standard for how narrow or broad-minded we are. Whatsoever has been bound and loosed by God in Heaven is what we should teach and practice as being bound or loosed here on Earth (Mat. 16:19). God’s Word, and all that is to be bound or loosed, is and has always been “settled in Heaven” (Psa. 119:89). One who narrows or broadens God’s boundaries sins and must repent. We must not be narrow-minded nor broad-minded and the only judge is God’s Word (John 12:48). Those who are truly “narrow-minded” or “broad-minded”

according to the standard of God’s Word may be shocked. Those who make such allegations may be met with a “Thou art the man” (2 Sam. 12:7), after a sincere and honest examination of the Truth (John 17:17).

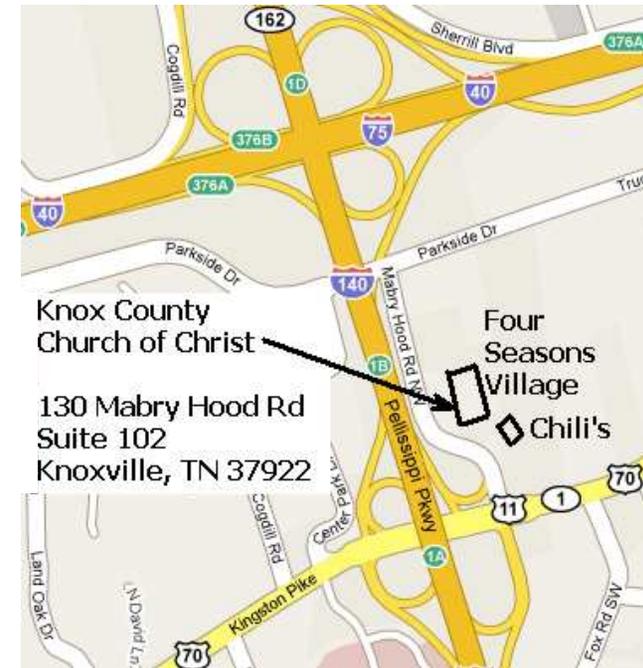
Consider:

- One who teaches that man is saved by faith (or grace) only, eliminates God’s requirements of repentance (Luke 13:3), confession (Acts 8:36), baptism (Acts 2:38), and faithful living (Rev. 2:10). Those who teach such are “narrow-minded” because they have narrowed God’s laws where God did not.
- One who teaches that Jesus only shed His blood for those He predetermined to be saved (Limited Atonement), limits the power of God’s love, grace, and mercy. Jesus said He died for the sins of the whole world (John 3:16-17; 1 John 2:1-2). Therefore, teaching Limited Atonement is Scripturally “narrow-minded.”
- One who teaches that an act of the Holy Spirit, separate and apart from the Word of God, is needed for one to be saved, limits the power of the Gospel (Rom. 1:16-7) and is therefore “narrow-minded.”
- One who teaches that there are many faiths and not just one (Eph. 4:5), there are many churches, not just one (Eph. 4:5; 1:22-23), and that fellowship can be shared with anyone who is “religious” (cf. 2 John 9-11), broadens God’s boundaries and are therefore loosening where God did not.

No one wants to be called an ugly or unflattering name. Sadly, Jesus warns that His faithful servants will receive the hatred of the world (Mat. 10:22). It must be our contention, however, to not be swayed by mere claims and pejoratives. We must be true to the Heavenly standard of God’s Word. We must not be narrow-minded (i.e., bind where God did not) and we must not be “broad-minded” (i.e., loose where God did not). We must have the mind of Christ (Phi. 2:5). -- Brad Green

Our Location

We meet in Suite 102 of Four Seasons Village, at 130 Mabry Hood Road in Knoxville, TN. Coming from Kingston Pike, we are on the right just past Chili’s. Come and visit with us!



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)