

## 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 home now, but is continuing to recover and will not be able to get out for a while.
- Diane Capps has been home sick for a while. She is taking medication for asthma and hopes to be able to be back to church soon.
- Several others have been fighting sicknesses lately.

## The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, December 20	27/27/14
	Wednesday, December 23	16
Offering	Sunday, December 20	\$850.00

## Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes David Snyder

### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer	Brian Carver
Songs	Lance Green
Sermon	Keith Keever
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Tommy Sanders
Assistants	Donald Shipley & Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	Jay Caldwell

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

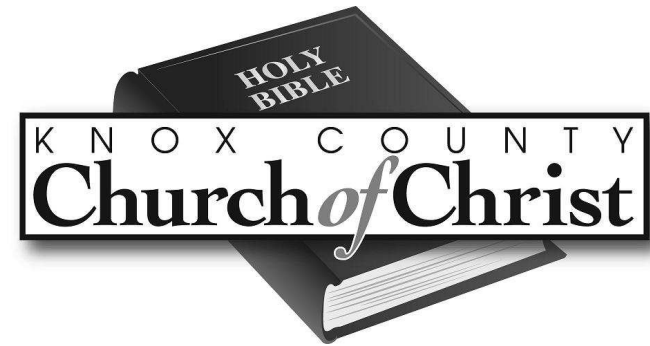
First Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Songs	Various
Sermon	Barry Simmons
Lord's Supper	Brian Carver
Closing Prayer	Tommy Sanders

### Wednesday Night

Songs	James Hutton
First Prayer	Keith Keever
Devotional	Brian Carver
Closing Prayer	Barry Simmons

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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*

### **THE VALUE OF OBEDIENCE**

*[The following article was written by brother Gary Summers, preacher for the South Seminole Church of Christ, Winter Park, FL.]*

Where would the world be today if we could not read: “Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did” (Gen. 6:22—NKJV)? For starters, we would not be discussing the question. If some modern-day theologians and writers had been around then, they would have whined, “Does it have to be exactly 300 cubits? How about two decks instead of three? Two of **every** kind?” The Calvinists would chime in, “Don’t build it, Noah, God’s already determined whether or not He will save the world. It doesn’t depend on what you do.”

Perhaps the current laxity in religious thinking is a reflection upon the looseness in society. Most of society’s *heroes* are those who break the rules in order to get their mission accomplished. Commandments are perceived as archaic nuisances of the past.

But the commandments of God are never wrong or out of date. Peter’s inspired teaching regarding salvation proclaims two commands: (1) Repent; (2) be baptized (Acts 2:38). These are the same two things we tell those who have faith today. God has not somehow changed what obedience He requires just because 2,000 years have elapsed.

Actually, it is not so much the commands that make the difference in someone’s obedience—or lack of it; it is the heart. Notice: “Then those who gladly received his word were baptized” (Acts 2:41). The question is: “Do we *gladly* receive the Word of God on all subjects?” Or is there some reason we are holding back?

When God calls us to holiness, do we say, “That sounds good, but I need an exemption or two”? Yes, obedience requires effort. Saying, “I am imperfect, and I have learned to live with my imperfections and God’s forgiveness” is a copout. “Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect” (Mat. 5:48).

Could it be that God knows that we need challenges? Being obedient to His will is much harder than just pleasing ourselves. Is it not a matter of comfort versus struggle? We should never become self-satisfied.

Do we not love others when they accomplish great things, as Noah did? Do we not admire our Lord for enduring the cross, knowing that He could have taken the easy way out at any time (at our expense)? Are we not most happy with ourselves when we achieve our God-given goals? Obedience has much to commend it.

*-- Gary Summers*

## **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)