

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 home.
- Diane Capps continues to recover from an extended sickness.

Announcements

- There will be a Men's Meeting tomorrow at 7PM.
- Lisa Sollars, James' fiance, will be arriving in Tennessee on Wednesday.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, December 27	32/32/30
	Wednesday, December 30	17
Offering	Sunday, December 27	\$1092.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Tommy Sanders

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer	Barry Simmons
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Brian Carver
Assistants	Donald Shipley & Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	Charles Hatcher

Sunday Afternoon Worship

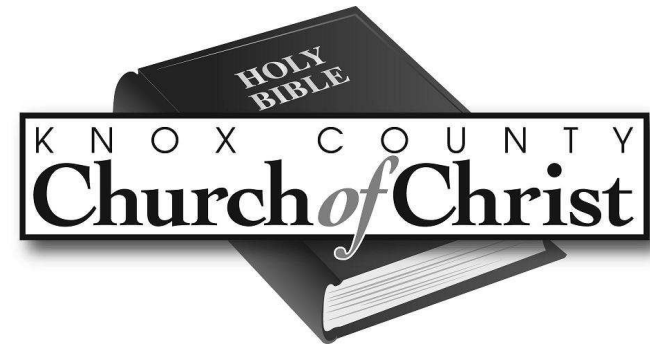
First Prayer	David Snyder
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	James Hutton
Closing Prayer	Jay Caldwell

Wednesday Night

Songs	Lance Green
First Prayer	Brian Carver
Devotional	Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer	James Hutton

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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

BUT I OBTAINED MERCY

The Bible teaches that God's mercy and love are in overabundance (Psa. 25:6). When the apostle Paul recalls how God's plan of salvation was offered to him despite his past, he states, "the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love (1 Tim. 1:14). The grace of God is "exceeding abundant" and is offered to all men just as it was to Paul. The inspired John writes that Jesus "is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:2). Many times, people look back into their pasts and conclude that they are not "good enough" to be called a child of God. What must be realized is that "Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15), not people who are already "good enough." Jesus says, "they that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:31-32). Paul considered his past and concluded that he was the chief of all sinners (1 Tim. 1:15). However, because Paul obeyed the Gospel plan of salvation, which culminated with his baptism, he had his past sins "washed away" (Acts 22:16). No wonder Paul was so thankful to the Lord, "for that He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy" (1 Tim. 1:12-13). If the

grace of God is able to forgive the sins of blasphemy, persecution, and murder (Acts 8:1), so too, can you and I obtain mercy. Obtaining, or acquiring God's mercy, is an individual responsibility. God has offered mercy, we must do what is necessary to attain it. By following the same plan of salvation as did Paul, one can become a Christian – a child of God – "for ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal. 3:26-27). No matter what one has done in his past, by turning away from those things never to return, (i.e., repentance), he can be forgiven. Paul states, "this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phi. 3:13-14).

There is, however, a way that one can be "unforgivable" – by totally rejecting God's offer of grace and mercy. Though Jesus died for the sins of the whole world, we must appropriate that grace by obeying His Word (Heb. 5:8-9; John 12:48). Paul "obtained mercy" and was forgiven because he obeyed. In order for us to obtain the same mercy and be forgiven, we too, must obey. Let us put the things which are behind us to rest and "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

-- 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)