

## Prayer List

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Ella Green, Gordon Hatcher, Norman Lee, Luis Patiño, Tony Priola, Tim Smith, Richard and Sheila Sollars

- Kyle Sanders (Tommy and Linda's son) had surgery Tuesday to deal with some kidney stones.
- Alice Hall's (Amanda Hatcher's aunt) surgery for breast cancer went well. She will be having radiation treatments for six weeks.

## Announcements

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- We are very pleased that Ted Mitchel has placed membership with our congregation. Brother Ted is a good Bible student and will be a valuable asset in helping us spread the Gospel.
- An updated directory has been printed.
- The next Men's Meeting is Monday August 2 at 7PM. If you have a question or would like to suggest an item for the meeting agenda, please contact one of the men. Thank you.

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes      Lance Green

### Sunday Morning Worship

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

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

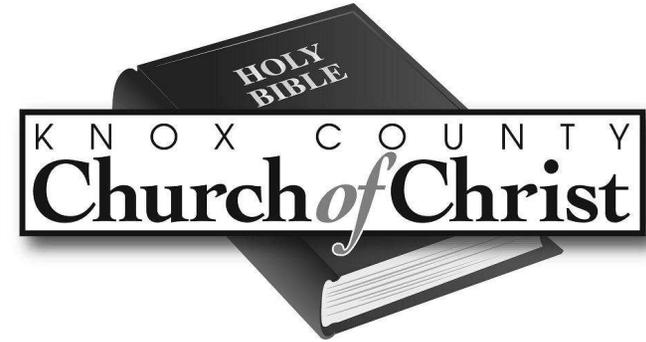
First Prayer      Charles Hatcher  
Songs      Keith Keever  
Sermon      Brad Green  
Lord's Supper      Brian Carver  
Closing Prayer      Lance Green

### Wednesday Night

Songs      Ted Mitchel  
First Prayer      David Snyder  
Devotional      Tommy Sanders  
Closing Prayer      James Hutton

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**August 1, 2010**



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

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### Sunday

Bible Study.....9:30 AM  
Worship.....10:30AM & 1:30 PM

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 PM



## From The Preacher's Pen

### "KEEPING THE FAITH"

Near the end of the apostle Paul's life, he states, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing" (2 Tim. 4:7-8). Notice that as Paul reminisces, he does not simply acknowledge that he has faith, but rather he has "kept the faith." The word translated, "kept," is a compound Greek word meaning to watch or guard "by keeping the eye upon;" to detain or to keep in custody (Strong's). Paul could look forward to life after death because he had done much more than just believe, he guarded and kept a close watch upon the revelation of truth given to him by God. Jude exhorts that we "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). The "faith" spoken of by both Jude and Paul is a reference to the system of faith, revealed in God's Word, by which one can be reconciled to God (Rom. 5:10) and be saved. Quoting Scripture, Paul says, "the just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:17) and explains in verse 16 that this just way of living ("by faith") is found in the Gospel of Christ. In order to "keep" the faith, therefore, one must be obedient to God's Word. In the parable of the sower, Jesus says, "the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having **heard the Word, keep it**, and bring forth fruit with patience" (Luke 8:15, emphasis B.G.). Jesus also says, "blessed are they that **hear the Word of God, and keep it**" (Luke 11:28, emphasis B.G.). God's Word is precious and valuable. The wise man Solomon extols, "buy the truth, and sell it not" (Pro. 23:23). It's value is far above any earthly possession. It is by God's

Word that one can find salvation (Rom. 1:16). For this reason, God's Word must be "kept" exactly as it is written, adding nothing and subtracting nothing (Rev. 22:18). When Noah was commanded to build an ark, he "kept" God's Word. He added nothing and subtracted nothing – "according to all that God commanded him, so did he" (Gen. 6:22). After the death of Moses, Joshua was entrusted with the responsibility of leading God's people into the Land of Promise. God told Joshua, "be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: **turn not from it to the right hand or to the left**, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest" (Jos. 1:6-7, emphasis B.G.). In order to be obedient to God, Joshua and the children of Israel had to "keep" God's Word. Knowing that some had "erred concerning the faith" (i.e., they no longer were keeping the faith by ceasing to be obedient to God's Word), Paul encourages Timothy to "keep that which is committed to thy trust" (1 Tim. 6:20-21). In Paul's second letter to Timothy, Paul exhorts, "hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us" (2 Tim. 1:13-14). "That good thing" Timothy was to "keep" (i.e., guard, protect, watch over, obey) was God's Word. In being faithful to God's Word, and thus "keeping" the faith, Timothy would be saved and help save others. Paul again commends, "take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee" (1 Tim. 4:16). Paul's definition of "keeping" the faith is here expressed as taking heed and continuing in obedience to

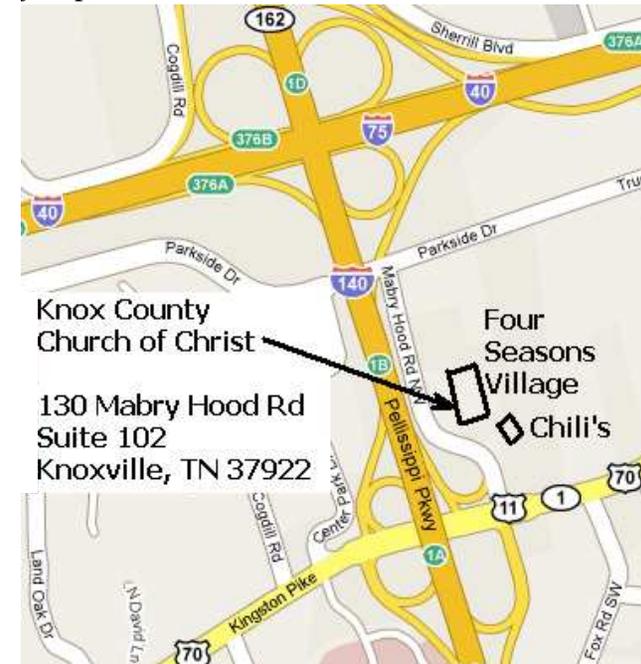
doctrine (God's Word).

Let us take heed to protect and guard God's Word as it has been given to us in the New Testament – adding or subtracting nothing. Let us take heed to be obedient to the Gospel of Christ, which "is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Rom. 1:16). Let us live a life in harmony with "the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3, ASV 1901) so that we, like Paul, will be able to proclaim, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

--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 Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, July 25	29/30/23
	Wednesday, July 28	22
Offering	Sunday, July 25	\$649.25