

Prayer List

Anna Burris, Kenny Even, Doris Reyes Fernandez, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Ella Green, Alice Hall, Gordon Hatcher, Norman Lee, Tony Priola, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Tim Smith, Sheila Sollars, Jim and Carole Turk, Abby Yarlequé.

- Diane Capps has been sick.
- The Clark family has been dealing with sickness.
- Verne Ragle (Amanda Hatcher's father) will be traveling to Taiwan today on business and will be there at least two weeks.

Announcements

The next Men's Meeting will be Monday, December 6, at 7PM.

The Numbers

Attendance Sunday, November 21 16/23/19
 Wednesday, November 24 27
Offering Sunday, November 21 \$776.05

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Tommy Sanders
Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer Keith Kever
Songs David Snyder
Sermon Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution James Hutton
Assistants Donald Shipley & Levy Cox
Closing Prayer Lance Green

Sunday Afternoon Worship

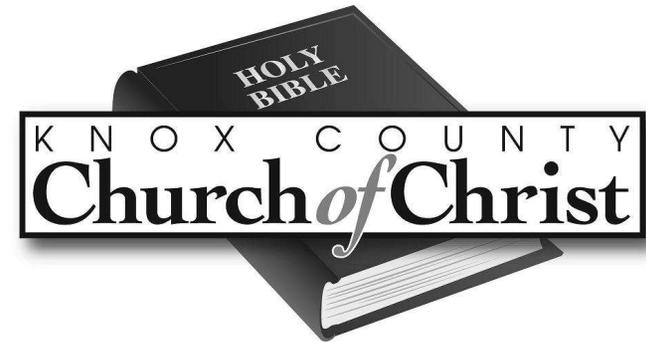
First Prayer Charles Hatcher
Songs *Singing*
Sermon Brad Green
Lord's Supper Keith Kever
Closing Prayer Donald Shipley

Wednesday Night

Songs James Hutton
First Prayer Barry Simmons
Devotional Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer Charles Hatcher

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130 Mabry Hood Road
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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

“WHO IS A ‘BELIEVER’?”

Many in the religious world consider anyone who simply believes that Jesus exists and is the Son of God to be a “believer.” Knowing that Jesus is the Christ and confessing this truth is necessary for salvation (Rom. 10:9-10). However, simply knowing that Jesus is the Son of God does not make one a “believer” as defined by God in the New Testament. When the inspired Philip encountered the Ethiopian eunuch, God says that “Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him” (Acts 8:35-38). After believing and confessing his belief, the eunuch was still not saved. According to this passage, faith and confession are prerequisites to baptism. It is more than obvious that at some point while Philip “preached...Jesus,” that Philip taught that baptism was necessary for salvation. This would of course make sense, being that all inspired men of God preached that same exact truth (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:27; 1 Pet. 3:21). Consider also the conversion of the Philippian Jailor and his family. The Jailor asks, “sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the Word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God

with all his house” (Acts 16:30-34). This example also proves that faith is necessary for salvation, but it also reiterates the necessity of baptism as well. This passage is profoundly important in defining who God considers to be a “believer.” Though the Jailor was commanded to “believe,” he was not yet a “believer” as defined by the New Testament. God says that Paul and Silas “spake unto him the Word of the Lord,” and then the Jailor and his family were “baptized.” Only after being baptized, in order to have their sins forgiven (Acts 2:38), are we told that the Jailor and his house “rejoiced, **believing** in God” (emphasis B.G.). According to the New Testament, a “believer” is one who not *just* believes, but who also hears the Word of God (Rom. 10:17), repents of past sins (Luke 13:3), confesses that Jesus is the Christ (Rom. 10:9-10), and is baptized (i.e., immersed) into water (Acts 16:30-34).

The New Testament speaks of “believers” as being those who are saved. Since it is the case that faith alone cannot save (Jam. 2:17, 24), then belief alone cannot make one a New Testament “believer.” No honest individual would conclude that Satan’s demons are saved, but God informs us that “the devils also believe, and tremble” (Jam. 2:19). Is it logical or rational to conclude that the devils are “believers” because they believe in God? Why then would we consider it logical or rational to conclude that any person who has “faith only” is a “believer?” Faith without works of obedience is a dead faith (Jam. 2:17). Surely no one would contend that a person with a dead faith is a “believer.”

In order to be considered a “believer” by God, one must obey God’s plan to save – hear, believe, repent, confess, be baptized, and live faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10). One who truly believes God will follow this plan without question or hesitation. The inspired James writes, “a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works” (2:18). One who truly

believes will repent of his past sins knowing that sin separates him from God (Isa. 59:1-2). One who truly believes will confess that Jesus is the Christ because the overwhelming evidence demands it (c.f., John 20:30-31; Rom. 1:4). One who truly believes will be baptized because “he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16). One who truly believes will remain faithful to God until death knowing that God “is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him” (Heb. 11:6). A non-believer may or may not do any of these things. A non-believer may have faith but refuse to repent, confess, be baptized, or live faithfully. A “believer” is one who not *only* believes, but who also acts upon his belief in simple obedience to God.

--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!

