

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.

Announcements

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

WELCOME VISITORS!

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, November 28	29/29/28
	Wednesday, December 1	30
Offering	Sunday, November 28	\$609.15

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Barry Simmons
Sunday Morning Worship

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

Sunday Afternoon Worship

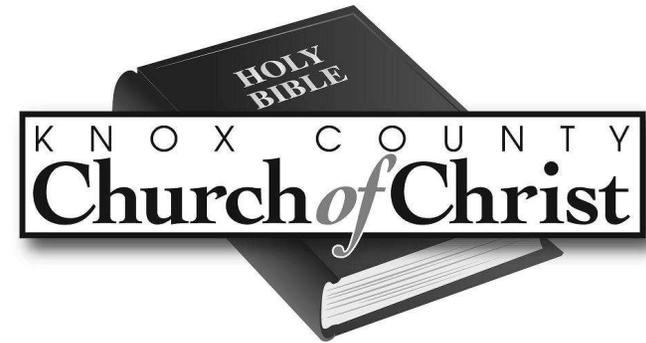
First Prayer	Lance Green
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer	James Hutton

Wednesday Night

Songs	Lance Green
First Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Devotional	Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

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Meeting Location:
130 Mabry Hood Road
Suite 102
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

“WORSHIP”

God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24).

“IN SPIRIT”

God is not physical; He is Spiritual and therefore requires that worship to Him be Spiritual. Though worship to God consists of physical acts (because humans are and live in the physical realm), those acts (i.e., singing, teaching, praying, partaking the Lord’s supper, and giving) must be accompanied by mental engagement. Though the acts themselves are important, for they are commanded and authorized by God, Himself, God does not desire that man simply “go through the motions.” Jesus says, “thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength” (Mark 12:30). God wants man to love and worship Him with all of one’s might. It is possible for a man to do things that are right and be wrong because his actions are void of “spirit” (i.e., the proper disposition of the heart and mind). Consider the actions of Ananias and Sapphira who sold a possession in order to give the proceeds to aid the Apostles in preaching the Gospel (Acts 5:1). Such an act is worthy of commendation. However, the Bible informs us that with this action, they had conceived in their hearts to deceive the apostles, their fellow man, and God (Acts 5:3-4). The physical act was noble, but it was disgraced by an evil heart (“spirit”).

It is important here to note that “in spirit” is not a reference to the Holy Spirit but rather a reference to the cognizant, thinking, and reasoning part of man. “In spirit” defines the proper attitude and mind-frame required by man in order to worship God acceptably. “In spirit” is

an obligation of man towards God and not vice versa. The phrase “in spirit” (John 4:24) is not comparable to “in the Spirit” (Rev. 1:10) as recorded by the apostle John. John was being miraculously led by the Holy Spirit to reveal the revelation of Jesus Christ (Rev. 1:1). Understanding that miracles have ceased (1 Cor. 13:10) and that today we are led by the Holy Spirit *only* by and through means of the written Word of God (2 The. 2:14; Psa. 119:105) it is easy to see the difference between the two phrases.

“IN TRUTH”

The sum of God’s Word, revealed by the Holy Spirit and recorded by inspired men of God, is referred to as Truth (Psa. 119:160; John 8:31-32; 17:17). God commanded Saul to “smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass” (1 Sam. 15:3). Instead, “Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly” (1 Sam. 15:9). After being rebuked by Samuel, Saul states, “the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal” (1 Sam. 15:21). We are not told whether this statement made by Saul is true. It seems more likely, due to the rebellious nature of the act, that Saul and the people kept the best of the spoil for themselves. However, Saul thought that his disobedience to God would be overlooked if said disobedience was for the noble purpose of sacrificing to the Lord. Here, Samuel responds, “hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better

than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams” (1 Sam. 15:22). Many have perverted this passage to teach that God is not all that interested in acts (or works) of worship and sacrifice. The truth presented in this text, however, is that God requires full obedience to His Word. Even if Saul intended to sacrifice the spoils, as he said, God would not accept that worship because God had commanded Saul to “utterly destroy them.” To make sacrifice to God is commendable, but only if it is done in accordance with God’s Will and is done with the proper desire and motive.

Let us always love God enough to simply obey and worship God as He commands – with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength and do all in accordance with God’s commands (c.f., Col. 3:17).

--*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!

