

## Prayer List

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

- We have several members who have been sick over the last several days
- Brad Green is home today due to sickness
- James Hutton is home today due to sickness

## Announcements

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The next Men's Meeting will be tomorrow evening at 7PM.

## The Numbers

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Attendance    Sunday, December 26 *No Services*  
                    Wednesday, December 29    21

Offering        Sunday, December 26 *No Services*

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes    Lance Green

### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer    Tommy Sanders  
Songs                                David Snyder  
Sermon                               Keith Kever  
Lord's Supper & Contribution    Barry Simmons  
                    Assistants    Donald Shipley & Levy Cox  
Closing Prayer                      Charles Hatcher

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

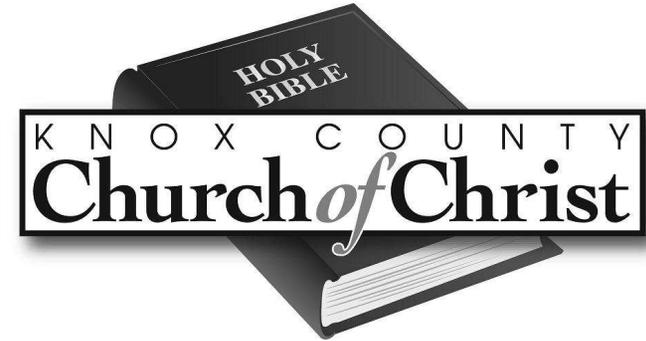
First Prayer                        Barry Simmons  
Songs                                 *Singing*  
Sermon                               Charles Hatcher  
Lord's Supper                      Tommy Sanders  
Closing Prayer                      Keith Kever

### Wednesday Night

Songs                                 Lance Green  
First Prayer                        David Snyder  
Devotional                         James Hutton  
Closing Prayer                      Donald Shipley

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**January 2, 2011**



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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

### "IS IT AUTHORIZED?"

[The following article was written by Dub McClish, preacher for the Northpoint Church of Christ in Denton, TX, and was found on his website, [www.scripturecache.com](http://www.scripturecache.com)]

Near the close of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said,

Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name, and by thy name cast out demons, and by thy name do many mighty works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity (Mat. 7:21-23).

This passage teaches a great fundamental Truth: the emptiness and presumptuousness of doing anything that is not authorized by the Lord. Every item that one might list as an ingredient of faithfulness to God and His Son is subsumed in this sweeping principle. If one has his heart set on doing "all in the name of the Lord" (Col. 3:17), he will be faithful in all things.

It is not enough to like something. It is not enough that something attracts large crowds. It is not enough that a "big" congregation somewhere is doing this or that. It is not enough that some "great name" among us supports, endorses, or teaches it. **All that matters is, does God authorize it?**

To merely speak the Lord's name over something we are doing is no sign of His acceptance or approval. The sons of Sceva quickly learned this to their own dismay and discomfort (Acts 19:14-16). The Lord's statement conclusively shows that

God requires more than mere faith and its confession, more than mere sincerity, more than human effort, and more than religious acts if one is to be saved. Unless one is engaged in behavior God has authorized (i.e., doing "the will of my Father"), one's efforts are all in vain. **That which God does not authorize, He does not recognize.**

Faithful men restored the church in modern times on the premise of book, chapter, and verse—explicit or implicit—Scriptural authority for all that we do and say. My, how we constantly need to be reminded of this fact. So much preaching and practice among us nowadays has no more authority for it than John Calvin, the denominations in town, some popular psychologist or philosopher, "I don't see anything wrong with it," or "I like it"—or a combination thereof.

One is not faithful to God who is not faithful to Christ (John 15:23). One is not faithful to Christ who does not honor His doctrine (John 12:48). God has given His Son "all authority" (Mat. 28:18) and we must scrupulously submit to it. Those who try to "freelance" in religion, whether in the church or out, will arrive at the Judgment to hear the Lord ask, "Who are you? I don't believe we've met and it's too late to get acquainted now."

--Dub McClish

### Welcome Visitors

Thank you for visiting with us today. If you have any questions about anything said or done during our worship service, please feel free to ask. Also, please take a moment to fill out one of our visitor's information cards and stick around after services so that we can get to know you better.

## 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)

## 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!

