

Prayer List

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

- Amanda Hatcher is recovering from having arthroscopic knee surgery Friday.
- Ronald Russell (Amanda's uncle) has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He will be undergoing further tests to determine its severity.
- Diane Capps has not been feeling well.
- Donald Shipley is out of town.

The Numbers

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| Attendance | Sunday, January 9 | 17/19/17 |
| | Wednesday, January 12 | 19 |
| Offering | Sunday, January 9 | \$813.00 |

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Barry Simmons

Sunday Morning Worship

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

Sunday Afternoon Worship

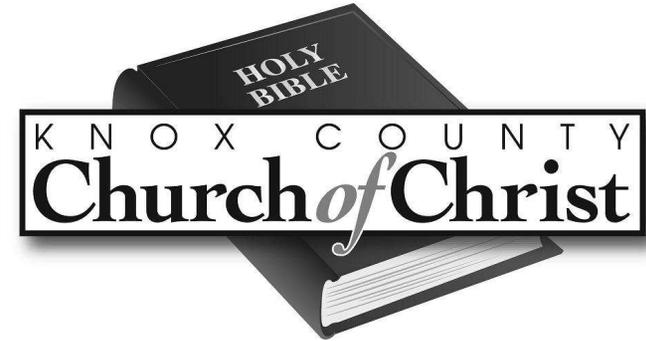
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| First Prayer | James Hutton |
| Songs | David Snyder |
| Sermon | Brad Green |
| Lord's Supper | Lance Green |
| Closing Prayer | Charles Hatcher |

Wednesday Night

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| Songs | Lance Green |
| First Prayer | Charles Hatcher |
| Devotional | Tommy Sanders |
| Closing Prayer | Donald Shipley |

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Meeting Location:
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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

“THE THANKFUL HEART”

[The following is adapted from an article written by brother Terry York, elder and preacher at the Northside Church of Christ, Calhoun, GA.]

The happiest people in this world are not those who have accumulated a great amount of what the world has to offer. Neither are they the ones who are famous for their athletic accomplishments. They are not the ones who enjoy the greatest physical health. No, those who experience the fullness of joy and contentment in this world are not dependant upon things, ideal conditions, or favorable circumstances for their happiness. They possess something much greater in value; they possess a thankful heart. People who have accomplished the task of developing a thankful heart are the true achievers and conquerors in this world. Thankful people do not deny the reality that unfavorable circumstances exist; they are thankful regardless of them. They are the ones who demonstrate the words of the apostle who said, “I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content” (Phi. 4:11).

The greatest problem regarding the thankful heart is that there are too few of them. Everyone who reads this article, most likely has been the recipient of someone's thanklessness, maybe even by those who are members of the Body of Christ. Members of the Lord's church sometimes become calloused, insensitive and heartless. They refuse to develop the virtue of the thankful heart in spite of the apostles admonition to, “let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful” (Col. 3:15).

As this article is being written a picture comes to mind of a dearly beloved instructor of the Bible. He would often clench his fist, raise it in the air, and with a sober, memorable expression say, “one of the most besetting sins of all time is the sin of ingratitude.” Not only is ingratitude one of the most besetting sins of all time, it is the most

common. This is evidenced by the account of the healing of ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19). These ten lepers were pitiable spectacles indeed. The Law that was in existence when Jesus walked the earth required these lepers to rend their cloths, let their head be bare, and put a covering over their upper lip (probably these three requirements were an expression of their deplorable condition). They were to dwell separately from others and to cry “unclean, unclean,” as a warning in order to prevent others from becoming infected by them (see Lev. 13:44-45). Leprosy was a slow, horrible, degrading way to die. Leprosy was a death sentence, curable only through the power and intervention of God. Now these ten lepers have their opportunity to be cleansed. They lift up their voice and appeal to Jesus for mercy. Jesus hears their plea and tells them what to do. They are healed. Only one leper out of the ten returned to thank Him, a Samaritan with a thankful heart.

How can one develop the thankful heart? Some suggestions are in order. First, demonstrate your thankfulness to God by submitting to His will. To refuse God's provision for salvation is the height of ingratitude and shows contempt for His mercy. It reveals that one is ungrateful that God gave His Son to die for mans sin (John 3:16). It says that one is unappreciative that Jesus left heaven and was tempted, despised, rejected, deserted, mocked, tortured and murdered, submissively and selflessly for you (Isa. 53:1-12). Show God you are thankful by repenting and being baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). Second, begin every day by expressing thanks to God for the material blessings of life. Thank Him for a night of rest and sleep. Thank Him for the shelter, clothing, food, for all the provisions of the day. Thank God for the freedom this Nation enjoys and for the ones who have and do sacrifice to preserve that freedom. Thank God for the rulers of our nation and pray “for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty (1 Tim. 2:1). Thank Him for life, health, for family. Thank Him for spiritual blessings, “Giving thanks always for all

things unto God and the father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Eph. 5:20). Third, exercise and develop a thankful heart by utilizing all of God's provisions for spiritual growth (2 Pet. 3:18). Spend time reading and meditating upon God's Word daily (Psa. 1:2). It will light ones path while traveling through this dark world and keep one from sin (Psa 119:11, 105). Assemble with the church that you may develop an appreciation for Worship, expressing praise and thanksgiving to God in song (Eph. 5:19, 20). Growing in gratitude as one reflects upon the death of Christ in the Lord's Supper (Mat. 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Praying together with the saints when the church meets (Acts 2:42). Growing in knowledge through the preaching of the Word (Acts 20:7). And, what greater way can one demonstrate his gratitude to God than through his giving (1 Cor. 16:1, 2).

One will not find a more explicit description of the unrighteous than the one Paul gives in the epistle to the Romans (Ron. 1:18-32). There the most abominable sins against God are listed. The apostle gives credit to two basic causes that lie at the root of the darkening of the heart of the unrighteous, (1) “when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God,” and (2), “neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened” (Rom 1:21).

There is no more despicable person than the unthankful one. One writer said, “call a man ungrateful and you can call him by no worse name.” They are easily recognized for they constantly complain making themselves and those in their company miserable. Therefore they make undesirable companions as friends. Unthankful people make undesirable marriage partners for one can never give of themselves enough to be appreciated by his or her mate. The unthankful person's influence is negative and destructive. One thing that the thankless person is most appreciated for is his absence. Make your environment a better place by developing a thankful heart.

--Terry York