

Prayer List

Kenny Even, Doris Reyes Fernandez, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Ella Green, Alice Hall, Amanda Hatcher, 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.

- Ronald Russell's (Amanda's uncle) test results show that his prostate cancer has not spread. He will be having radiation implants to treat the cancer.
- Diane Capps has not been feeling well.
- Lisa Hutton is sick.
- Donald Shipley is out of town.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, January 16	22/26/20
	Wednesday, January 19	
Offering	Sunday, January 16	\$901.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Tommy Sanders
Sunday Morning Worship

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

Sunday Afternoon Worship

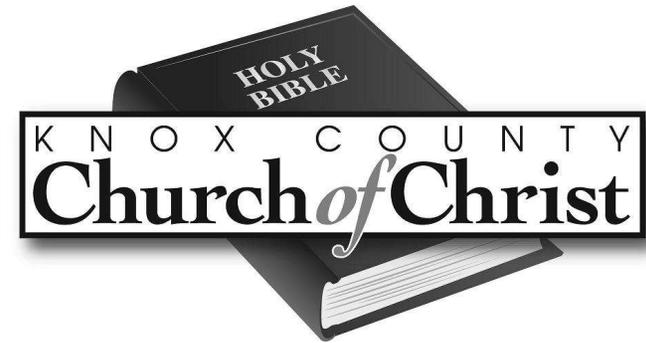
First Prayer	James Hutton
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer	Lance Green

Wednesday Night

Songs	James Hutton
First Prayer	Lance Green
Devotional	Charles Hatcher
Closing Prayer	Barry Simmons

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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

“FORGETTING GOD”

Man is sometimes forgetful, but it seems outlandish to think that man could forget God. God is the Creator of the universe (Gen. 1), everything in it (Exo. 20:11) and “the heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handywork” (Psa. 19:1). Despite all of this, the Bible teaches that man can and will forget God. Moses, by inspiration, writes, “beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I command thee this day” (Deu. 8:11). Though many know that God exists, by not “keeping His commandments,” they forget Him. The word translated *forget* is from a Hebrew word meaning “to be oblivious of” due to a lack of memory or attention (Strong’s), “to ignore,” or “to cease to care” (Thayer’s). The majority of folks who forget God still remember that He is, but either 1) stop paying attention to God’s Word, 2) ignore God’s Word, or 3) cease to care about what God says. The Bible teaches that there is only one way by which man can develop and strengthen his faith – “by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God” (Rom. 10:17). When one stops hearing God’s Word, he forgets God. The apostle Paul exhorts, “study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth” (2 Tim. 2:15). When one ceases to study, he forgets God. In Jesus’ parable of the sower, the seed (i.e., the Word of God, Luke 8:11) “which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But that on 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 8:14-15). Many have tended to

the “cares” of the world while ceasing to care about the Word of God. God, through His prophet Hosea laments, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to Me: seeing thou hast forgotten the Law of thy God” (Hos. 4:6). To forget God’s commands is to forget God Himself.

God warns us of several things that can lead to forgetfulness, which if heeded, can keep us from straying down that destructive path. First, God warns that man can become forgetful during times of prosperity (Deu. 8:7-11). During such times, man is tempted to say, “soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry” (Luke 12:19) and forget about the condition of his soul (Luke 12:20). Many in the Church have propped their feet up in the recliner and have relegated their duties of evangelism, edification, and benevolence to writing a check to some group claiming to do the job on their behalf. God says, “woe to them that are at ease in Zion” (Amos 6:1). Second, man is warned that pride can lead him to forget God (Deu. 8:12-17). Many boast of their deeds and accomplishments and say in their heart, “my power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth” (Deu. 8:17). When one forgets that “every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights” (Jam. 1:17), he forgets God. Third, we are warned not to put anyone or anything above God, lest we forget Him (Deu. 8:19). The “gods” (emphasis on the lower case “g”) that man has created to serve have changed in form and idea and are different in every age and in every person. Today, some worship the mighty dollar; others worship that which the dollar can buy. Some have placed their loyalty in “brother so and so” (see Acts 5:29), while others worship the god – self. Many have chosen to worship according to their own “will” (Col. 2:23)

and devise their own plans of salvation (Eph. 2:8-9). Many have replaced God’s plan of salvation, which is “by grace” and “through faith” and “once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3), with a plan devised by “yourselves” (Eph. 2:8). In so doing, they have forgotten God.

Though many will scoff at the idea, by not keeping God’s commandments, they have forgotten God. They may claim to know Him and may even profess to have Him in their hearts, but if men do not obey God’s commands, ignore or cease to care about God’s Word, they have forgotten God. Let us heed the warnings – study God’s Word (2 Tim. 2:15), humble ourselves before God (1 Pet. 5:6), and constantly put Him first in our lives.

--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!

