

## Prayer List

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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, Ronald Russell, Sandra Simmons, Tim Smith, Sheila Sollars, Jim and Carole Turk, Abby Yarlequé.

- Sara Johnson is still recovering from sickness.
- Diane Capps is dealing with some health issues.
- The Simmons will be traveling for the next few weeks.
- Our sympathy is extended to the family of sister Mildred Hall who passed away this past week. She was the mother of brother Ron Hall, one of the elders at the Northside Church of Christ in Calhoun, GA.

## Announcements

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Men's Meeting tomorrow evening at 7PM.

## The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, January 30	18/20/16
	Wednesday, February 2	17
Offering	Sunday, January 30	\$482.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes      Lance Green

### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer      James Hutton

Songs      Keith Keever

Sermon      Brad Green

Lord's Supper & Contribution      Tommy Sanders

Assistants      Levy Cox & Charles Hatcher

Closing Prayer      David Snyder

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

First Prayer      Keith Keever

Songs      David Snyder

Sermon      Brad Green

Lord's Supper      Lance Green

Closing Prayer      Charles Hatcher

### Wednesday Night

Songs      James Hutton

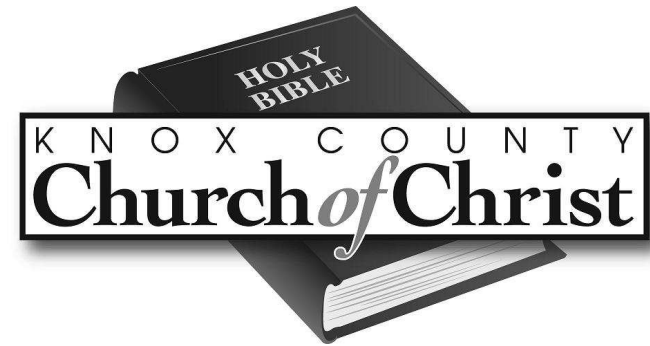
First Prayer      Charles Hatcher

Devotional      Tommy Sanders

Closing Prayer      Donald Shipley

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**February 6, 2011**



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**Meeting Location:**  
130 Mabry Hood Road  
Suite 102  
Knoxville, TN 37922  
865.247.4620

## 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*

### **“HOW TRUTH IS SUPPORTED”**

[This article is written by brother Jimmy Thompson, preacher for the West Newton Church of Christ, West Newton, IN. It has been adapted to fit in the available space.]

We have become well aware through many centuries of humanity that evil is supported when good men do or say nothing. Evil always has been supported by indecision, inaction, and ineptness. Truth has never been supported by an attempt to stand in neutral territory and trying to please both sides of any question or issue. Truth can only be supported when there is an active and zealous base of support for the tenets being advocated that are based upon Truth and evidence. Those who do not support the Truth are in reality agents of falsehood lending their support to the opposite of what Truth is. They stand as the arch-enemies against Truth for they weaken the cause of Truth and give support to the enemies of Truth by taking one more element of resistance from falseness out of the defense of the Truth.

Truth is supported by our honest and dedicated hearing. Hearing is not just to have the eardrum activated and a word processed to the brain. Hearing in the pristine sense also involves the going beyond the auditory sensation and arriving at the point where assimilation of the words' meanings lead to the actions of adapting the message contained in the words to our life. Here there is support of the Truth; not just a simple listening in politeness and quietness. We support the Truth when we hear the words of God and digest them by studying them. The continuous study brings about growth of the faith we profess and leads us to be stronger in the ways of Godliness. The opposite is true when we fail to really hear and to study the Word in all its fullness and allocations towards us. Our faith is weakened and our support falls away to be that of a neutral party having no real interest in what the Truth is or what its effects should be for all. Truth is never observed through the principles

of assimilation. Carrying a Bible that is never opened, never having wrinkles on pages, or having worn edges and bindings will do nothing to support the Truth. The apostle Paul writes, “study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness” (2 Tim. 2:15-16).

We support the Truth when we defend it. It is not a defense to say that God will protect it and I am not prepared. Preparation is first found in the heart and then is seen flowing through our lives as the courage and desire to defend the Truth we hold sacred. The Word is powerful, but that power is only unleashed when placed in the hands and the life of a willing defender of the faith. Just as any implement of warfare is strong by itself, the strength it contains cannot be implemented or released until it is used in the hands of a defender or advocate of a cause. Just saying I have a powerful weapon does nothing to defeat the cause of falsity. The Truth needs defense from the forces of evil and sinful corruptness. We should always stand ready to defend Truth, for in so doing we stand against the evil this world constantly throws before the innocent. The inspired Jude states, “beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3).

We support the Truth when we live holy lives (Col. 3:12-17). Each Christian is responsible to support the Truth through a demonstration of it in their daily lives. We cannot and must not be satisfied with being average. We must be those who are always going the step beyond, striving to serve the Truth no matter the circumstances, and setting the example for others the Lord has set for us. None of us would have become followers of Jesus Christ if we had not recognized His being without blemish, and greater than any other who has ever lived. His example of always demonstrating Truth in every circumstance He faced has set before the world the

fact that we can be better than a simple beast of the field by observing and serving Truth. God has provided for us the histories of many who have demonstrated Truth in their life and defended it in all types of circumstance. The Bible then instructs that we should follow their example – “wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds” (Heb. 12:1-3).

It is more important now than in any other time of our memory. So many now refuse to support the Truth and in fact deny it. These who once walked beside us have left us for the call of worldliness and popularity. They seek to follow after a false way that sounds sweet to their ears and promises great things, but cannot be found in the lives of those who have supported the Truth in the past. If our lives look like a Christian, sound like a Christian, show examples of being a Christian, and always support the Truth of the Christian examples set before us by the Lord and His people, we must be Christians. If we walk after ideals of men, behave like the average person, do not follow the examples of the Christians set before us in the Truth of God's Word, and will not support the Truth, we cannot be Christians. Yet how do we prepare for the support of the Truth? We do so by being available for every opportunity to hear it taught and to listen as the Bible shows we should, by being well versed in understanding its values and having them in our lives, by being one who is ready to defend the Truth at every call, and by being able to demonstrate the Truth in our lives. The most common manner available is to assemble with those of like precious faith on the first day of the week and learn of God and worship as He desires, placing God before all other things. --Jimmy Thompson