

## 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, Early Phillips, Tony Priola, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Ronald Russell, Tim Smith, Tresa Snyder, Sheila Sollars, Jonathan Thawley, Jim and Carole Turk, Louise Walker, Abby Yarlequé.

- Tresa Snyder continues to recover from surgery.
- Early Phillips has had some struggles this past week, but is now home recovering from his surgery.
- Philip Hutton (James' father) continues to have treatments at Vanderbilt every Tuesday.

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## Happy Mother's Day!

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### The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, May 1	18/18/	
	Wednesday, May 4		22
Offering	Sunday, May 1	\$	

### Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes     James Hutton

#### Sunday Morning Worship

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

#### Sunday Afternoon Worship

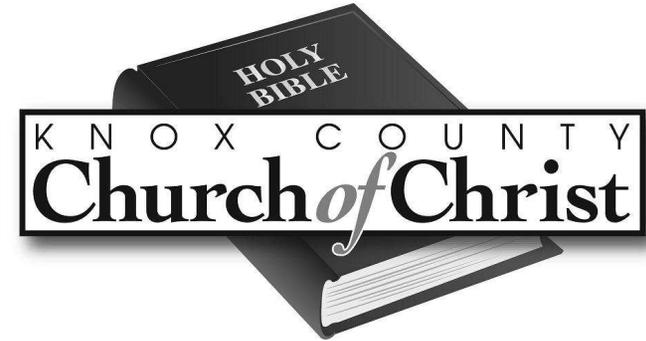
First Prayer     Charles Hatcher  
 Songs     David Snyder  
 Sermon     Brad Green  
 Lord's Supper     James Hutton  
 Closing Prayer     Tommy Sanders

#### Wednesday Night

Songs     James Hutton  
 First Prayer     Charles Hatcher  
 Devotional     Barry Simmons  
 Closing Prayer     Keith Keever

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**May 8, 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***

### **“DO I HAVE TO?”**

As a child, perhaps all of us were guilty of over-asking, “do I have to?.” Parents are well acquainted with the question – “do I have to...clean my room, brush my teeth, mow the yard, wash the dishes, clean out the litter-box” – and the list could go on. Sadly, this question finds its way into religious matters – “do I have to...attend every worship service, attend Bible classes, attend every night of a Gospel Meeting” – etc. What does it say about our attitude when attending worship services is placed in a similar category as taking out the trash? Generally speaking, you never hear a child complain or ask, “do I have to...eat all of my candy, play with my friends, accept this new video game, or attend my favorite sporting event?.” The reason is simple – kids are happy to do what they love and what they **WANT** to do. Those who choose to fish, shop, or watch TV rather than worship God “in spirit and in Truth” (John 4:24) do so for the same simple reason – they **WANT** to. The apostle Paul states, “when I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things” (1 Cor. 13:11). As Christians, we should **WANT** to assemble with the saints and worship God at every opportunity. Rather than “forsaking the assembling of ourselves together” (Heb. 10:25), we should forsake all that separates us from God (Rom. 12:1-2). Paul recalls, “what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ” (Phi. 3:7-8). Rather than asking, “do I have to,” we should examine our hearts (2 Cor. 13:5) by asking, “why would I not want to?.”

- Why would I not want to attend every worship service knowing that God deserves our praise and worship (Psa. 18:3; John 3:16) and He has explicitly commanded us to do so (Heb. 10:24-25)?
- Why would I not want to attend Bible classes knowing that “faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God” (Rom. 10:17) and that I must “study to shew [*myself*] approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth (2 Tim. 2:15)?
- Why would I not want to attend every night of a Gospel Meeting knowing that it is an opportunity to “grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ” (2 Pet. 3:18) and encourage visitors by letting my “light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Mat. 5:16)?
- Why would I not want to be a good example to my children and “bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4)?
- Why would I not want to read the Bible knowing that “the Gospel of Christ...is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth” (Rom. 1:16)?

- Why would I not act upon what I believe knowing that faith without works of obedience is dead (Jam. 2:17) and that “not every one that saith unto [*Jesus*], Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven” (Mat. 7:21)?

Every child needs to be taught out of the “do I have to” mentality and every adult must be vigilant to keep this childish attitude where it belongs – “brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Phi. 3:13-14).

--*Brad Green*

### **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.

### **Gospel Meeting**

Our Gospel Meeting with brother Kent Bailey starts next Sunday and will continue through Wednesday night.

Please continue to distribute the flyers.

There will be a "pot-luck" meal at the home of Lance, Ashleigh, and Ella next Sunday at 5:30 PM. Please check the food list that has been provided on the back table.

A list is also available for anyone who would like to host brother Kent for a meal during the week.