

Prayer List

Kenny Even, Doris Reyes Fernandez, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Ella Green, Alice Hall, Amanda Hatcher, Gordon Hatcher, Phillip Hutton, Kim Johnson, Norman Lee, Mary Lynn McAleer, Tony Priola, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Ronald Russell, Tim Smith, Tresa Snyder, Sheila Sollars, Jonathan Thawley, Jim and Carole Turk, Louise Walker, Abby Yarlequé.

- David & Tresa Snyder are not feeling well.
- Early Phillips is doing better after his recent surgery.
- Jim Ledbetter (friend of Amanda Hatcher's parents) has brain cancer. Doctors are giving him less than two months to live. He has no family and lives in subsidized housing. He is a Christian.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, May 8	25/25/17
	Wednesday, May 11	20
Offering	Sunday, May 8	\$1022.00

Gospel Meeting

We are excited to begin Our Gospel Meeting with brother Kent Bailey this morning. We welcome our visitors and would encourage you to ask questions. We will do our best to give you a Bible answer for your Bible question. We invite you to attend all of our services this week.

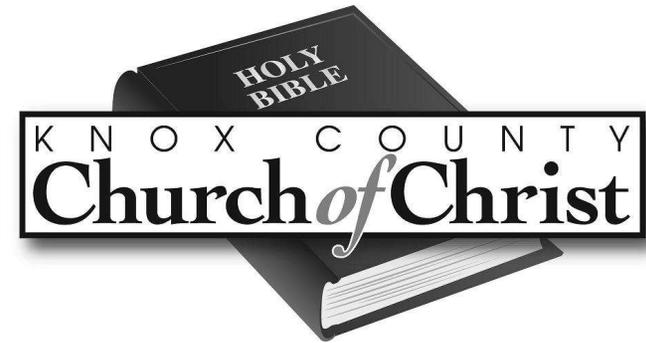
Service Times

Sunday: 9:30 & 10:30 AM, 1:30 PM
Monday - Wednesday: 7:00 PM

There will be a pot-luck meal this evening at 5:30 PM at the home of Lance, Ashleigh, and Ella Green. All are invited.

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

“SAINTS LINKED TOGETHER WITH CHRIST”

[This article is written by brother Kent Bailey, preacher for the Northside Church of Christ, Calhoun, GA.]

As the hour of the suffering, death, burial, and resurrection of Christ drew near, our Lord knew that His followers would need encouragement. As He contemplated His ascension and return to the Father in Heaven He also knew His followers would need to have their faith built up. Christ thus stated: “let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am ye may be also” (John 14:1-3). These individuals had been with Christ for about three and one half years. Their Lord was now leaving, their faith was being not only tested, but also bolstered. Christ had just assured them that He would return and receive them unto Himself. Following His resurrection He gave them warrant to preach the Gospel unto all of the world and promised that He would be with them always (Mat. 28:20). He assured them that He would not leave them comfortless (John 14:18; Heb. 13:5).

When we contemplate the greatness and importance of salvation in Christ one needs to consider the tremendous fact that as saints of God we are linked together with Christ. New Testament salvation is both collective and personal. Such is collective from the perspective that upon our obedience to the Gospel we are added to the Church by the Lord, which constitutes the totality of all of the saved (Acts 2:47; 20:28; 1 Cor. 12:13,18; Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:13-18). Such being the case one needs to know that there is no salvation outside the Lord’s New Testament Church. Salvation in Christ is also personal from the perspective that we as individuals have a personal accountability to Christ and must individually obey Him to be saved (1 Pet. 1:18-21). Let us note some of the links wherein we are joined to the fellowship of Christ.

We Are Crucified Together With Christ: We cannot formulate our own plan of salvation by which we earn the favor of God. In order to be saved from sin, one must submit to the conditions of God as set forth by Christ in New Testament revelation. In order to be linked to Christ we must be crucified together with Christ. This is accomplished spiritually, not physically. There is no more of a compelling thought than to know “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me” (Gal. 2:20). There is no more compelling thought to realize that Christ died for me and that I am crucified with Christ. Paul stated, “God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom I the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world” (Gal. 6:14). Christians must be separate from the world (Col. 3:1-5; Rom. 6:4-6).

We Are Buried Together With Christ: Even as we have been crucified together with Christ we must also be buried with Him in order to have new life in Christ, “therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection (Rom. 6:4-5). One will never have new life in Christ without first as a penitent believer being baptized for/unto the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Col. 2:12).

We Are Quickened Together With Christ: Not only are we crucified with Christ, and buried with Christ, one must also be quickened with Christ, “but God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love where with He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace are ye saved)” (Eph. 2:4-5). We are quickened even as Christ (1 Pet. 3:18; Col. 2:13).

We Are Raised Up Together With Christ: In conjunction with being made alive in Christ, one is raised together with Christ. Because such is accomplished conjointly, one must be raised up together in Christ in order to be recipients of God’s salvation that is found in Christ. Where there is no resurrection of being raised up together with Christ,

there can be no salvation in Christ. Until one is crucified and buried one cannot be raised, and until one has been baptized into Christ one cannot be raised together with Christ. If one has not been raised together with Christ one has not been saved from his past sins (Rom. 6:4-5; Col. 2:12). Being raised together with Christ imposes certain obligations upon us which we must not ignore (Col. 3:1).

We Must Be Willing To Suffer Together With Christ: When one is a faithful follower of Christ one’s life will not always be that of joy, peace, and happiness (2 Tim. 3:12; Acts 5:41; Phi. 3:8-10; 1:29). Christ has set the great example for us to follow even in suffering together with Him (Heb. 5:8-9; 1 Pet. 4:16; 2 Cor. 1:17).

We Are Heirs Together With Christ: Upon one’s entrance into Christ one becomes an heir of God and a joint heir of Christ (Rom. 8:16-17; Gal. 3:26-29; Eph. 3:6; Col. 1:12). Our ultimate hope is not in this present life, but rather, such is centered upon eternal life itself (1 Pet. 1:1-4).

We Have Been Seated Together With Christ: The exaltation of Christ is demonstrated in the Scriptures by His resurrection of death and ascension into Heaven to sit down at the right hand of the Majesty of His Father (Heb. 1:1-3). This denotes the coronation to reign over His Church, the Kingdom (Acts 2:30). Saints of God have been exalted by the Father being made to sit in heavenly places in Christ (Eph. 2:6; 1:22-23).

We Shall Be Glorified Together With Christ: The great blessing that awaits faithful Christians is to have the realization of our final and ultimate glorification in eternity with Christ (Rom. 8:16-18; Eph. 5:27; 2 Cor. 4:16).

There is the ultimate glory to be received when Christ returns for His own. Contemplating our being united with Christ not only in this present life, but also in eternity within the portals of Heaven brings even greater attachment to the hereafter. O Lord, hasten that day (2 The. 1:7, 10).

--*Kent Bailey*

Welcome Visitors!
