

Prayer List

Doris Reyes Fernandez, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Ella Green, Alice Hall, Amanda Hatcher, Gordon Hatcher, Philip Hutton, Kim Johnson, Jim Ledbetter, Norman Lee, Mary Lynn McAleer, Tony Priola, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Ronald Russell, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Tresa Snyder, Sheila Sollars

- Tresa Snyder is recovering after having Surgery on Thursday
- Peggy Driscoll (friend of Amanda Hatcher's parents) is in critical care at a Pensacola, FL hospital after having a heart attack on Thursday.
- Eleanor Green is having some problems with her hearing and will be having further testing in October.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, August 28	20/20/16
	Wednesday, August 31	18
Offering	Sunday, August 28	\$877.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Tommy Sanders
Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Keith Kever
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Lance Green
Assistants	Levy Cox and Donald Shipley
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

Sunday Afternoon Worship

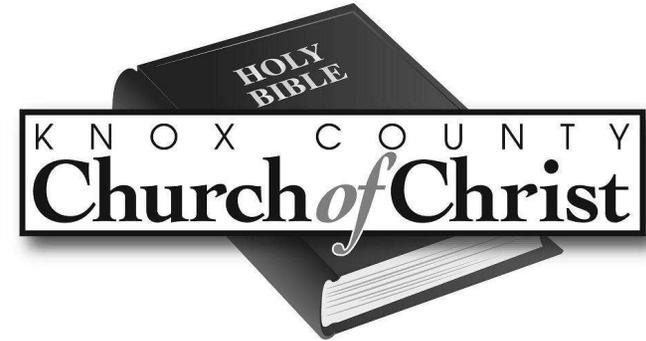
First Prayer	Barry Simmons
Songs	<i>Singing</i>
Sermon	Tommy Sanders
Lord's Supper	Keith Kever
Closing Prayer	Charles Hatcher

Wednesday Night

Songs	Brad Green
First Prayer	David Snyder
Devotional	Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer	Lance Green

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 130 Mabry Hood Road
 Suite 102
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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 CHURCH SHOULD HAVE FAILED”

[The following article was written by Dub McClish, preacher for the Northpoint Church of Christ in Denton, TX]

By all human standards the church Jesus established through His apostles should never have “gotten off the ground.” Everything seemed to be against its success and survival.

The men charged with establishing it all over the world were so few—only twelve in the beginning and a thirteenth added later. But what could such a small number of men do? Then there was the problem of the man behind it. Most people outside of the tiny areas of Judea and Galilee had never heard of Jesus of Nazareth. Many who knew of Him despised Him or, at best, regarded Him with nonchalance or curiosity. He never held a public office, started a college, or wrote a song. The only thing He ever wrote, as far as we know, He wrote in the sand and we do not even know what He wrote. To build something that would last, surely Jesus went about it in the wrong way.

Even if people would listen to the message of His apostles, how could they possibly accomplish the task? The fastest overland transportation was horseback, but which of the apostles could afford a horse? The most rapid travel by sea was by slow sailing vessels. Communications were no better. The apostles could personally speak the message orally or they could write it and send it on its way by personal messenger. In either case, they were limited by the slow travel methods.

And what about the severe racial prejudice among the first converts, even affecting the apostles? Christ had sent them to all nations,

but their Jewish background caused them to consider the Gentiles as unworthy of their evangelistic efforts for years.

Had it been but a human enterprise, then it would surely have failed. Herein lies a convincing proof that the New Testament church is indeed a Divine institution. Could it be that the Lord designed it to appear weak and foolish to men, so that its success would be indisputable proof that it was of God? Is not this hypothesis an illustration of the principle Paul stated?

But God chose the foolish things of the world, that he might put to shame them that are wise; and God chose the weak things of the world, that he might put to shame the things that are strong; and the base things of the world, and the things that are despised, did God choose, yea and the things that are not, that he might bring to nought the things that are: that no flesh should glory before God (1 Cor. 1:27–29).

If men would only listen, they would not marvel that the Gospel and the church that it produces are equally indestructible. Jesus build His church on the fact of His own Deity and promised that death, Satan’s strongest weapon, would not prevail to prevent its establishment and perpetuity (Mat. 16:16–18). How foolish are men who try to “improve” it to make it more appealing to the masses. Wise men will not tamper with it. Ought we not to press on in full confidence that Christ is with His faithful church, now and forever (Mat. 28:20)?

--Dub McClish

Welcome Visitors

We're glad you are with us today. Feel free to ask us any questions you may have. We look forward to getting to know you better.

The Gospel Plan of Salvation

- HEAR the word of God; the Bible (Romans 10:17)
- BELIEVE the word of God and that Jesus is Lord (John 8:24; Hebrews 11:6)
- REPENT of sin (Acts 17:30)
- CONFESS that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (Matthew 10:32-33)
- BE BAPTIZED in order to receive remission of sins (Acts 2:38); in order to have past sins washed away (Acts 22:16); in order to get into the body of Christ, the church (Romans 6:3-4; Acts 2:47); in order to be saved (Mark 16:15-16; 1 Peter 3:21)
- LIVE FAITHFULLY in accordance with God’s word (1 John 1:6-9; Revelation 2:10)

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!

