

## Prayer List

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

- Matthias Meredith (grandson of Virgil and Dana Hale) has been having frequent seizures and is in the hospital for tests.

## The Numbers

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Attendance Sunday, September 25 16/16/18  
Wednesday, September 28 16  
Offering Sunday, September 25 \$727.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes Lance Green

### Sunday Morning Worship

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

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

First Prayer Barry Simmons  
Songs Keith Keever  
Sermon Brad Green  
Lord's Supper Tommy Sanders  
Closing Prayer David Snyder

### Wednesday Night

Songs Lance Green  
First Prayer Charles Hatcher  
Devotional Keith Keever  
Closing Prayer Donald Shipley

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**Meeting Location:**  
130 Mabry Hood Road  
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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***

### **“THOSE WHO WERE BEING SAVED”**

Everyone should desire to be one of “those who were being saved” (Acts 2:47, NKJV). Fortunately, it is God’s desire that all men “be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the Truth” (1 Tim. 2:4) and for this reason, God, “hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue” (2 Pet. 1:3). Recorded in Acts 2 is the historical account of the day Jesus’ Church was established. For the first time, Peter and the other apostles used the “keys of the kingdom” (Mat. 16:19) to teach man how to enter the kingdom of God and thus be saved.

First, in order to be among “those who were being saved,” man had to hear the Gospel – “ye men of Israel, hear these words” (Acts 2:22). Man cannot be saved without hearing God’s Word because “it is the power of God unto salvation” (Rom. 1:16) and “therein is the righteousness of God revealed” (1:17). In order to be righteous in the sight of God, man must have faith (Heb. 11:6) and “faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God” (Rom. 10:17).

Second, in order to be among “those who were being saved,” man had to believe what he heard – “now when they heard this [*Peter’s sermon*], they were pricked in their heart” (Acts 2:37). The fact that the message “pricked” their hearts proves that they believed. Jesus says, “if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins” (John 8:24).

Third, in order to be among “those who were being saved,” man had to repent of his past sins, confess that Jesus is the Christ, and be immersed in water to have his past sins forgiven—

“then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38). Jesus says, “except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3) and if we truly believe that Jesus saves, we will follow the example of the Ethiopian eunuch who “said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing” (Acts 8:36-39). The reason the eunuch was “rejoicing” is because he knew that he was now one of “those who were being saved.” Like those on the day of Pentecost, he had been added by the Lord to the Church and among the saved (Acts 2:47). The apostle Peter proclaims, “baptism doth also now save us” (1 Pet. 3:21), and the inspired Paul writes, “know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? 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” (Rom. 6:3-4). In order to be saved, one must be “in Christ,” and it is in water baptism where we are “planted together in the likeness of His death” (Rom. 6:5) and therefore, “in Christ.”

Last, in order to be among “those who were being saved,” one must continue to be faithful to God. According to the inspired record, “they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they ***continued stedfastly*** in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in

prayers...And they, ***continuing daily with one accord*** in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people” (Acts 2:41-42, 46-47). Jesus commands, “be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life” (Rev. 2:10).

Let us follow this Godly example and be among “those who were being saved.” Anyone who will hear God’s Word, believe, repent, confess the Deity of Christ, and be baptized in order to have his past sins forgiven, can be added by the Lord to the Church of Christ – the body containing the saved (Acts 2:47). We then can live “faithful unto death” and be given a “crown of life” when Jesus returns (Rev. 2:10; c.f., Eph. 5:27).

--*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!

