

## Prayer List

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Peggy Driscoll, Doris Reyes Fernandez, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Eleanor Green, Amanda Hatcher, Gordon Hatcher, Philip Hutton, Jim Ledbetter, Norman Lee, Mary Lynn McAleer, Matthias Meredith, Tony Priola, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Ronald Russell, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Tresa Snyder, Sheila Sollars, Colleen Stewart, Nancy Stewart, Tom Stewart, Ramona Sutton, Lee Wiegand

- Eleanor Green is still at Children's Hospital.
- Ramona Sutton was released from the Tuesday. She still has a long recovery ahead.

## The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, November 6	14/14/13
	Wednesday, November 9	13
Offering	Sunday, Novemver 6	\$983.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes    Barry Simmons

### Sunday Morning Worship

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

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

First Prayer	Tommy Sanders
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Lance Green
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

### Wednesday Night

Songs	Lance Green
First Prayer	Tommy Sanders
Devotional	David Snyder
Closing Prayer	Charles Hatcher

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**November 13, 2011**



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**Meeting Location:**  
 130 Mabry Hood Road  
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 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

### “EVIDENCE AND THE HANDLING THEREOF”

[This article is written by Terry Hightower, preacher for the church of Christ in Vega, TX.]

If six people receive the same (uninspired) letter from a friend, the basic elements involved in interpreting the letter would be: (1) the letter itself, and (2) the handling of the content of the letter. Similarly, before anyone can be a good student of the Bible (i.e., accurately interpret the message God has for man), he must understand that the basic elements involved in Biblical interpretation are: (1) the total evidence, and (2) the handling of that evidence.

Though God through Scripture was only giving one message (Acts 17:11) to everyone (just as the “friend” in his letter to the six meant to do), failure on either of these two basic elements may (and very likely will) result in conflicting Bible interpretations by different people. Since most of us use texts of the Bible that are alike, this practically eliminates the problem of our receiving a “different letter” as being the primary cause of contradictory interpretations and divisive doctrines. So what is left to claim responsibility for such? The “handling” of the content as involving logic or illogic.

#### **THE EVIDENCE ITSELF**

The phrase, *the evidence*, is synonymous with the expression, *the total context*, and refers to the adding together of three things: (1) the **specific** statement of the Bible under consideration, (2) the **immediate** context of that statement, and (3) the **remote** context of that statement. It is important to understand the meaning of these expressions.

#### **HANDLING THE EVIDENCE**

The mere reading (or even memorization) of the Bible text is not sufficient to guarantee that one will understand what the Bible actually teaches. One must surely know what the Bible says, that is, he must know the actual (explicit) statements making up Scripture from Genesis to Revelation. Additionally one must also learn how the various statements, paragraphs, chapters, and books relate to one another.

#### **RATIONAL OR IRRATIONAL?**

Basically, there are only two alternatives as to how one will react to evidence: (1) he can choose to be rational, or (2) he can choose to be irrational. Since the religious world has available for its use exactly the same totality of Bible statements or evidence, it should be perfectly clear to us all that it is not enough merely to know what the evidence consists of – one must properly **interpret** that evidence! One can learn what the Bible means only by correctly reasoning about what the Bible says. In short, one must correctly apply the principles and rules of logic to the totality of statements making up the entire Bible.

*-- Terry Hightower*

#### **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.

## 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!

