

## Prayer List

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Doris Reyes Fernandez, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Eleanor Green, Amanda Hatcher, Gordon Hatcher, Norman Lee, Early Phillips, Andrew Ragle, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Verne Ragle, Ronald Russell, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Tresa Snyder, Sheila Sollars, Ramona Sutton

## The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, January 15	15/15/14
	Wednesday, January 18	—
Offering	Sunday, January 15	\$655.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes Brad Green

### Sunday Morning Worship

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

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

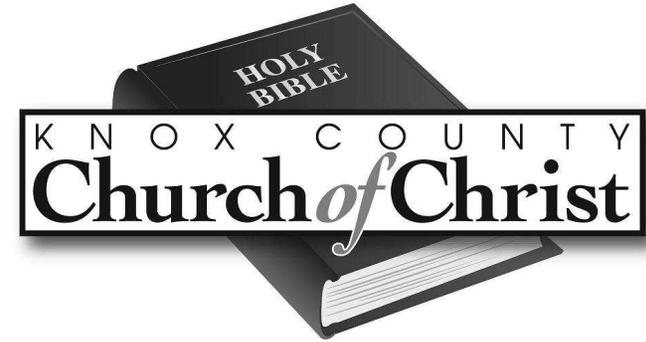
First Prayer Lance Green  
Songs Keith Keever  
Sermon Brad Green  
Lord's Supper Charles Hatcher  
Closing Prayer Barry Simmons

### Wednesday Night

Songs Lance Green  
First Prayer David Snyder  
Devotional Keith Keever  
Closing Prayer Donald Shipley

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**Meeting Location:**  
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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***

### **"THE MAN OR THE PLAN?"**

When studying religious matters, it is not uncommon for a strange "counter-debate" to occur regarding what some consider necessary and unnecessary (or "insignificant") matters. This argumentation is many times referred to by somewhat of a catchy "slogan" – "the Man or the Plan" – with which many attempt to separate the preaching of Jesus (considered "necessary") from the preaching of procedure, plan, or pattern (deemed by some as "unnecessary" or "insignificant"). It should be first emphasized that no Biblical matter is "insignificant." God's Word must be rightly divided (2 Tim. 2:15), and though a Bible topic may not directly apply to those living under the New Testament system of Law, God had a significant reason for having it written – "whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope" (Rom. 15:4). It must also be emphasized that for anything regarding salvation to be considered necessary or unnecessary, the determination must be made by God – "whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Mat. 16:19).

The New Testament very clearly and explicitly commands the preaching of Jesus. Peter and the other apostles went "and daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ" (Acts 5:42). Later, the apostle Paul proclaimed "we preach Christ crucified" (1 Cor. 1:23) and "we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord" (2 Cor. 4:5). Conflict arises when those desiring to separate Jesus from His plan to save "unrightly" divide Paul's statement, "I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2). The false assertion then is made that Paul was only interested in "the Man"

Jesus and determined that everything else (i.e., "the plan") is "insignificant." This is an overt act of eisegesis – the act of reading and/or asserting something into the Biblical text that is obviously not there. The simple solution to determining what it means to "preach Jesus" is to examine what the Lord, Himself preached. Certainly all would agree that anything that Jesus preached must be considered "significant." Further, Jesus commanded the apostles to preach "all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Mat. 28:20), thus making the words of the apostles the words of Christ.

**You Cannot "Preach Jesus" Without Preaching Faith.** Jesus says, "if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24).

**You Cannot "Preach Jesus" Without Preaching Repentance.** Jesus says, "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).

**You Cannot "Preach Jesus" Without Preaching That One Must Confess The Deity Of Christ.** Jesus says, "whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven" (Mat. 10:32).

**You Cannot "Preach Jesus" Without Preaching Baptism.** Jesus says, "he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16).

**You Cannot "Preach Jesus" Without Preaching About The Church of Christ.** Jesus built the Church (Mat. 16:18), purchased the Church with His blood (Acts 20:28), and is the head of the Church (Eph. 5:23). Jesus "loved the Church, and gave Himself for it" (Eph. 5:25) and He will return again to take the Church home to Heaven (Eph. 5:27).

**You Cannot "Preach Jesus" Without Preaching That Salvation Is In His Church.** Salvation is "in Christ" (2 Tim. 2:15) and to be "in Christ" is to be in His Church, "which is His body" (Eph. 1:22-23). Jesus "is the Saviour of the

body" (Eph. 5:23), there is only "one body" (Eph. 4:4), and that body is the Church (Eph. 1:22-23). **You Cannot "Preach Jesus" Without Preaching About Obedience.** Jesus is "the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him" (Heb. 5:9) and commands, "be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10). Jesus still implores, "come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light" (Mat. 11:28-30).

It is impossible to separate "the Man" from "His Plan." As evinced, to preach Jesus means so much more than just merely preaching about His life. To preach Jesus, one must preach about His love (John 3:16), His grace (Eph. 5:8-9) and His wrath (John 2:13-16). One must preach about what Jesus did to bring about salvation, why He did it, and the conditions enjoined upon it. To ignore or reject all that the Bible teaches regarding Jesus, His teachings, and salvation is to put one's soul in jeopardy. Not one of God's words is "insignificant." God's Word "is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:16-17), "quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12) and is "able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 3:15).

– *Brad Green*

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