

Prayer List

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

Announcements

- There will be a fellowship this evening at the Keever's beginning about 5:30. Interest in the game is not required. The game with all of the extras begins about 6:30.
- Men's Meeting tomorrow at 7PM.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, January 29	16/20/16
	Wednesday, February 1	14
Offering	Sunday, January 29	\$841.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Lance Green

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer Charles Hatcher
Songs Lance Green
Sermon Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution Keith Keever
Assistants Levy Cox and Donald Shipley
Closing Prayer Tommy Sanders

Sunday Afternoon Worship

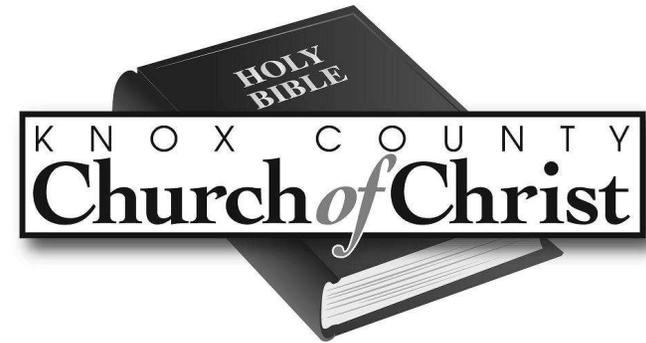
First Prayer Tommy Sanders
Songs Keith Keever
Sermon Brad Green
Lord's Supper Lance Green
Closing Prayer Donald Shipley

Wednesday Night

Songs David Snyder
First Prayer Keith Keever
Devotional Charles Hatcher
Closing Prayer Brad Green

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Meeting Location:
130 Mabry Hood Road
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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



“WHEN PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW ABOUT SALVATION, WHAT CAN WE TELL THEM”

[Written by Johnny Oxendine, preacher for the church of Christ in San Mateo, CA]

There will always be people who will need additional information about salvation, but we want to give them the opportunity to appreciate just how wonderful salvation really is. Here we would like to offer a little Old Testament background history that might be helpful for them, and for us: Before the children of Israel crossed over the Jordan into the Promised Land, Moses spoke to them to encourage them to remain faithful to God. This series of speeches that Moses gave are recorded in Deuteronomy. Near the beginning of the book, Moses says the following: “The Lord your God hath given you this land to possess it” (Deu. 3:18). After Moses had died and the people were about to go into the land to possess it, Joshua told them: “Remember the word which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, The Lord your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land” (Jos. 1:13). The land that the children of Israel were to live on had been given to them by God; it was the gift of God. Yet, they still had an obligation to go in and take what was given to them. If they had turned around and gone back to Egypt, they would not have received the gift that God had given to them.

Shortly after the children of Israel entered the land, they came upon the walled city, Jericho. In the ancient world, a walled city was a particularly formidable thing to conquer unless an army was prepared to wage a long campaign. But God said to Joshua, “See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, the mighty men of valour” (Jos. 6:2). God had given

Jericho to Joshua and the children of Israel. Yet, the children of Israel had to take the city. They were given special instructions about marching around the city once each day for six days and then seven times on the seventh day. After that, they were to blow their horns and shout and God said the walls would come down and they could go straight up into the city and conquer it. Jericho was the gift of God, but if the children of Israel had not obeyed God, then they would not have received God's gift.

In Ephesians 2:8 Paul writes, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: is the gift of God.” There are many today who say, “Salvation is God's gift to man and so there is nothing that one must do to be saved.” Of course many say that one has to “believe,” but they turn around and say that “belief” is not a work that you do (regardless of the fact that Jesus said it was – see John 6:29). These fail to take into account the fact that Israel's land was a gift of God, yet Israel had to take that gift –they had to receive it. So also it is today; the salvation that God gives to man through Jesus is a free gift! That concept, however, does not do away with the fact that God expects us to obey Him to receive that gift. In fact, the Bible teaches that obedience is necessary for one to be saved. In Hebrews 5:9 God's grace teaches, “And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him.” Indeed, salvation has already been given for those who obey.

What must we do to receive salvation? After having heard God's Word we must believe it (Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:6). We must then repent of our sins (Acts 17:30). We must then confess Jesus as the Son of God (Mat. 10:32-33; 1 Tim. 6:12-13). We must then obey the command of Jesus in Mark 16:16 and Matthew 28:19 to be baptized. It is at that point that we receive God's gift of salvation as Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16,

Romans 6:1-11, Colossians 2:11-13, and 1 Peter 3:21 teach. Praise God that salvation is a gift! Praise God that we can receive that wonderful gift through our obedience and be saved!

– *Johnny Oxendine*

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.

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!

