

## Prayer List

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

- Kevin (Chela Keever's nephew) is doing much better, and is now breathing on his own. He still has one lung that is not functioning as well as liver problems.

## The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, April 1	16/16/19
	Wednesday, April 4	19
Offering	Sunday, April 1	\$768.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes Charles Hatcher  
**Sunday Morning Worship**

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

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

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

### Wednesday Night

Songs Lance Green  
First Prayer Barry Simmons  
Devotional Charles Hatcher  
Closing Prayer David Snyder

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**April 8, 2012**



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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*

### **“EASTER”**

The word, “easter” (Acts 12:4) is only used one time in the King James translation of the Bible and is never used in at least seven other translations I searched. The word translated, “easter,” is the Greek word for “Passover,” and as the context proves, it is the Jewish feast of Passover which is being addressed – “then were the days of unleavened bread” (Acts 12:3). The feast of Passover was so termed because “it is the sacrifice of the LORD's Passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when He smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses” (Exo. 12:27). It is also referred to as the feast of unleavened bread because God told the Jews who escaped Egyptian bondage, “thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt” (Exo. 23:15). It is important also to note that Passover was just one of three feasts God commanded for the Jews including – “the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field” (Exo. 23:16). Do those who claim to celebrate “easter,” also celebrate “the feast of harvest,” and “the feast of ingathering?” If not, “whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all” (Jam. 2:10).

The Passover was a memorial for the Jewish system – “this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations...And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever” (Exo. 12:14, 24). This feast was to be observed “throughout [*the Jews*] generations.” When the Old Law (i.e., the Jewish

system) was nailed to the cross (Col. 2:14), this observance was no longer commanded by God – the generations of the Jews had ceased. Under the New Law (i.e., the Law of Christ), “there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus” (Gal. 3:28). The apostle Paul also explains, “in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us [*Jew and Gentile*]; Having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances [*the Old Testament*]; for to make in Himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that He might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby” (Eph. 2:13-16). The “one body,” in which all who have been saved and reconciled by Jesus’ blood abide, is the Church for which Jesus died – “[*Jesus*] is the head of the body, the Church” (Col. 1:18).

The Church for which Jesus died is never commanded to observe the feast of Passover (or any other Jewish ordinance). The New Testament serves as the Law for Jesus’ Church. Included in the New Law is a command from God to observe a memorial in remembrance of the death of God’s Son upon the cross – “the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread: And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the New Testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come” (1 Cor. 11:23-26). The memorial which God commands for Christians is the Lord’s supper. It is for the purpose of

remembering Jesus’ death until He returns. This memorial is commanded to be observed “upon the first day of the week” (Acts 20:7). Since every week has a first day, then this memorial is to be observed every Sunday.

The Passover (that to which the word “easter” applies) was a feast for the Jews amenable to the Old Testament; it was never a feast intended for New Testament Christians. The Jews, by observing the Passover, were commanded to remember the day God saved them from Egyptian bondage; Christians, in partaking the Lord’s supper, are to remember the day God “gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

Let us remember that “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). But let us also remember that today, we are commanded to abide “in the doctrine of Christ” (2 John 9), not the ordinances of the Old Testament.

– *Brad Green*

### **Gospel Meeting**

We will be holding a Gospel Meeting with brother Terry York from Sunday, May 20th through Wednesday, May 23rd.

Let’s all make plans to be here and to invite as many others to attend as possible. Be sure to pick up some of the fliers and distribute them to everyone you can.

Please pray that these efforts be fruitful.