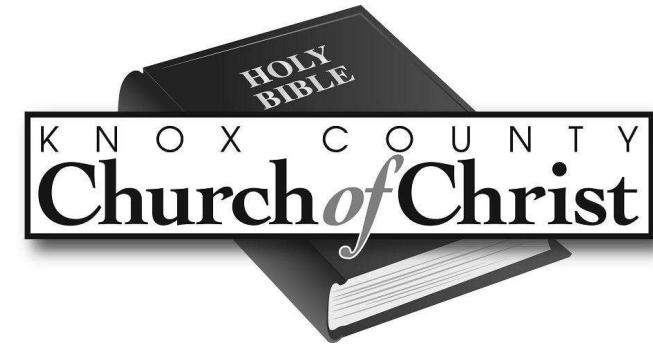


Prayer List

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)

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May 6, 2012



The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, April 29	15/16/14
	Wednesday, May 2	16
Offering	Sunday, April 29	\$811.28

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes	Tommy Sanders
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	Tommy Sanders

Sunday Afternoon Worship

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

Wednesday Night

Songs	Lance Green
First Prayer	Barry Simmons
Devotional	Keith Keever
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

Meeting Location:

130 Mabry Hood Road
Suite 102
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

"PREACHING"

Many people fail to recognize preaching as an act of worship. This sad fact may be because individuals fail to realize what is taking place during a sermon. Due to the fact that preaching usually takes place behind a podium, in a pulpit, and presented by one man, it may be easy to forget that, due to the nature and purpose of Godly preaching, the entire congregation is (supposed to be) participating in this act. The action being practiced in this act of worship is perhaps the hardest of the five mentioned in the New Testament and the one in which the most effort must be exerted – listening. Though the preacher is speaking, he should also be listening. Listening and hearing require dedication and focus. One must determine to “clear his mind,” and focus intently upon what is being preached in order to fully understand. The citizens of Berea were called noble, because “they received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so” (Acts 17:11). Sadly, many have either not heard what is being promulgated from their congregation’s pulpit or have not taken the time to “search the Scriptures” in order to see if what is being said is true.

God told Jonah, “arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee” (Jonah 3:2). The only preaching that will do anyone any good is the preaching that God authorizes and commands. Every preacher and every Bible student is commanded to “study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness” (2 Tim. 2:15-16). The best Gospel sermons are the ones that contain the most Gospel (i.e., Book, Chapter, and Verse). What is

heard in most “churches” today is better categorized as “motivational speeches;” not Gospel preaching. In an article entitled, “The Kind of Preaching We Need,” brother Dub McClish, preacher for the Northpoint church of Christ in Denton, TX, writes, “if we hear only jokes, amusing anecdotes, personal experiences, and ‘nice little talks’ instead of God’s Truth, our souls will die from spiritual malnutrition. So much of what is being heard in our pulpits currently is not at all distinctive, which true Gospel preaching always is. Instead, many pulpits are platforms for brief, popular psychology lectures or religious ‘pep rallies.’ Sadly, many members refuse to listen to anyone who is determined to preach the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27). Such debunk Bible preaching that cites book, chapter, and verse, labeling it ‘concordance’ preaching. Even if some reject Bible preaching...the preacher who is more serious about helping people get to Heaven than he is about keeping his job will pay the price to keep on preaching it (v. 5). Listeners who are more interested in going to Heaven than in satisfying their own selfish, carnal desires will support, encourage, yea, demand such preaching and will refuse any other kind as...pulpit waste material. If one is not going to preach (or hear) the Bible, why preach (or listen) at all?” God commands us to “preach the Word” (2 Tim. 4:2) and hear it (Rom. 10:17). If what we preach or hear is not found in God’s Word (either by explicit statement, example, or implication), it is not the preaching of God’s bidding, but of man’s. God warns, “for the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the Truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (2 Tim. 4:3-4).

Preaching is necessary to fulfilling God’s Will and for His plan for worship. The apostle

Paul writes, “whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things” (Rom. 10:13-15). The Bible teaches that preaching is necessary for salvation because it is how God chose to bring about Scriptural faith – “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God” (10:17). Since it is the case that man cannot be saved without faith, it is the case that man cannot be saved without hearing the Gospel preached. God chose to reveal His message to man by means of preaching (Tit. 1:1-3). Faithful Gospel preaching is also necessary to further strengthen Christians (Rom. 16:25-26), to ensure that Christians are “not moved away from the hope of the Gospel” (Col. 1:23), to remind (1 Tim. 4:6), to comfort (1 The. 4:18), and to motivate men to action (Acts 2:37).

Let us worship God “in spirit and in Truth” as we preach and hear God’s Word. Let us demand Scriptural sermons and focus our minds on hearing, understanding, and obeying what God says.

-- Brad Green

Gospel Meeting

Let’s all make plans to attend our Gospel Meeting with brother Terry York from Sunday, May 20th through Wednesday, May 23rd. Invite everyone you can!