

## Prayer List

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Doris Reyes Fernandez, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Eleanor Green, Amanda Hatcher, Gordon Hatcher, Keelan Jackson, Juan Mandujano, Early Phillips, Andrew Ragle, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Verne Ragle, Ronald Russell, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Sheila Sollars, Joe Stephenson, Ramona Sutton, Kevin (Chela Keever's nephew)

- Donna Fowler is recovering from foot surgery

## Announcements

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The next Men's Meeting will be Monday, July 2nd, at 7PM.

## The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, June 17	20/21/17
	Wednesday, June 20	16
Offering	Sunday, June 17	\$846.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes Tommy Sanders

### Sunday Morning Worship

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

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

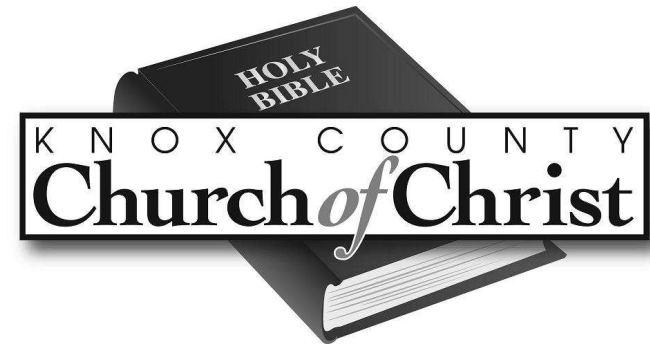
First Prayer	Barry Simmons
Songs	<i>Singing</i>
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer	Charles Hatcher

### Wednesday Night

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

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**June 24, 2012**



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**Meeting Location:**  
130 Mabry Hood Road  
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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***

### **"ELEMENTS INVOLVED IN GOSPEL OBEDIENCE"**

[Written by brother Kent Bailey, preacher for the Northside Church of Christ, Calhoun, GA.]

God's wonderful scheme of Redemption grants to all accountable individuals the opportunity of salvation from sin as found within Christ and His church. A careful study of the Gospel of Christ gives insight to the fact there are two sides to salvation – both God's and humanity's.

God's side of salvation was accomplished by Christ in His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension (1 Cor. 15:1-6; Acts 1:10-11, Heb. 10:11-13). Humanity's side of salvation is accomplished through our personal accountability of acceptance of God's Truth and our obedience to conditions as set forth within the Gospel (Heb. 5:8-9; Acts 2:40). Many sincere, yet uniformed and misled, religious individuals deny that one can do anything to be saved from sin. However, the Word of God teaches such a doctrine to be false (John 6:29; Rev. 20:12). If the alien sinner can do nothing to be saved, and if the child of God can do nothing to be lost, how will every individual thus be judged according to his own works?

With regards to New Testament salvation that is accomplished in Christ, there are various elements worthy of our consideration.

#### **ONE MUST CONSIDER THE REALITY OF SIN AND THE CONDITION OF SINNERS.**

We are living in a society where individuals deny the reality of sin as well as the lost condition of sinners, yet the Scriptures are very clear as to the fact that sin is very real and that sinners are condemned in their sins (Rom. 3:23; 6:23; Rev. 20:12-15). Sinners are described as being the “of

sin,” literally the bond servants or slaves of sin (Rom. 6:16). Sin is pictured as a raging commanding king, and the sinner as a cowardly slave. He is a slave to Satan and his own sinful desires. Many do not consider the fact that when in Hell, suffering the torments and tortures of the justice of God, sinners will not even have the desire to engage in the pursuits that brought them to that place of misery. While individuals may deny sin, none the less humanity sins by failing to respect the authority of the New Testament of Christ in various ways. Individuals sin by:

- Violating Divine requirements (prohibition).
- Rebellion (refusal to obey).
- Transgression (going beyond).
- Substitution
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Neutrality

#### **ONE MUST CONSIDER THE OBEDIENCE THAT MUST BE GIVEN.**

To be released from the bondage of sin one must obey “form of doctrine” (Rom. 6:17). The doctrine is the pattern or the mold to which we are to conform our lives. The doctrine that we obey conforms to the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (1 Cor. 15:1-8). The form of doctrine is found in conformity to one's:

- Death with Christ (Rom. 6:3).
- Burial with Christ (Rom. 6:4).
- Resurrection with Christ (Rom. 6:5).

Baptism for the remission of sins (presupposed upon faith in Christ, repentance of sin, and confession of Christ) is the only *form* with which proper compliance is found (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27; 1 Cor. 12:13; 1 Pet. 3:21).

#### **ONE MUST CONSIDER THE PROPER DISPOSITION OF OBEDIENCE.**

When one truly obeys Christ, such obedience is not based

upon false notions, views, or presuppositions. Neither is such based upon the fallacy of optionalism (the formulation of one's own subjective rules). Biblical obedience comes truly from the heart. In the Scriptures, the heart consists of three specific functions: the intellect, the emotions, and the will. Thus to truly obey Christ one must do so with:

- Intelligence or proper understanding (Mat. 28:19).
- Affectionately out of love (Mat. 22:37).
- Willingly with freedom of volition (Rev. 22:17).

One therefore cannot be taught error, believe error, and obey error regarding the design of baptism and at the same time receive Scriptural baptism. Unscriptural baptism is equal to no baptism at all (Acts 19:1-5).

#### **ONE MUST CONSIDER THE BLESSINGS RESULTANT OF OBEDIENCE.**

Freedom from sin is a tremendous blessing (Rom. 6:16-18). A new master to serve implies that fellowship with Satan has been destroyed (Rom. 6:19-22). Having obeyed the saving Gospel of Christ, one thus has fruit unto sanctification (John 15:8; Gal. 5:22-23). The end result of Gospel obedience plus faithfulness is that of eternal life (Rom. 6:23)

As we consider elements involved in Gospel obedience, consider the alternative of neglecting, rejecting, and refusing the Gospel of Christ.

— *Kent Bailey*

### **Welcome Visitors**

We're glad you are with us today. Feel free to ask us any questions you may have. We look forward to getting to know you better.