

## 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)

- Charles and Amanda are both sick.

## Announcements

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Brad is preaching for the Northside Church of Christ in Calhoun, GA today. In his absence, Barry Simmons and Keith Keever will be preaching.

## The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, July 8	16/16/17
	Wednesday, July 11	14
Offering	Sunday, July 8	\$890.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes Barry Simmons

### Sunday Morning Worship

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

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

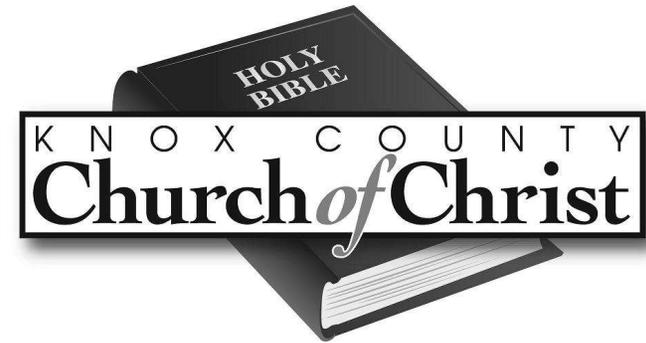
First Prayer Barry Simmons  
Songs Lance Green  
Sermon Keith Keever  
Lord's Supper Tommy Sanders  
Closing Prayer Tommy Sanders

### Wednesday Night

Songs Donald Shipley  
First Prayer Charles Hatcher  
Devotional Tommy Sanders  
Closing Prayer Brad Green

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**July 15, 2012**



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**Meeting Location:**  
130 Mabry Hood Road  
Suite 102  
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***

### **“COMPASSION FRUIT JUICE”**

[The following article is by brother Dub McClish, who preaches for the Northpoint Church of Christ in Denton, TX]

We kept Paige, our granddaughter, for awhile the summer in which she celebrated her fourth birthday. She may have taught us more than we did her during that visit. One day at mealtime she informed us she wanted “compassion fruit juice” to drink. We only barely restrained our extreme amusement. She had overheard us talking about one of the juice cocktails we occasionally buy, containing passion fruit juice. Her innocent malapropism contains an important moral.

Compassion means “to feel with.” The Gospel accounts frequently call attention to the Lord’s compassion. The multitudes who were as sheep without a shepherd provoked His compassion (Mat. 9:36). He had compassion on the hungry, the physically disabled and diseased, the demon-possessed, and those in sorrow (Mat. 14:14; 8:2; 20:34; Mark 1:41; 5:19; 6:34; Luke 7:13). Jesus glamorized and exalted compassion in at least three of His parables (Mat. 18:27; Luke 10:33; 15:20). Indeed, our Savior is one who can be “touched with the feeling of our infirmities” (Heb. 4:15). Had he not possessed the beautiful trait of compassion for us to such a great degree, He may never have left Heaven to die for us. He saw our pitiful, confused, and desperate condition and had compassion on us to His utter self-sacrifice. We should ceaselessly praise Him for His compassion.

After the Lord’s example, the apostles urged compassion on us. Although Paul did not use the actual word Romans 12:15, compassion is inherent in his instruction: “Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.”

Peter’s words summarize the teaching of the Bible on this subject: “Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous” (1 Pet. 3:8). I am persuaded 2 2 that many grievous problems in congregations could have been and can be avoided by the practice of compassion.

Perhaps the sphere in which compassion is most often absent is in our everyday relationships (i.e., in our families and at work or school). We all need a drink of “compassion fruit juice” when we let impatience, hypercriticism, and the wrong sort of intolerance squelch our compassion for others in their weaknesses, needs, and problems. It would also be nice if we could pour a glass of it for those rude, harsh, unkind folk with whom we must all periodically deal.

While compassion (“longsuffering”) is a “fruit,” it is produced by the teaching of the Holy Spirit rather than by a literal tree (Gal. 5:22). We will not find it sold by the bottle or by simply drinking a glass of juice. This beautiful and needed trait is the fruit of instruction, practice, sensitivity, and unselfishness. May we all imbibe more of it.

-- *Dub McClish*

### **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.

## **The Gospel Plan of Salvation**

- HEAR the word of God; the Bible (Romans 10:17)
- BELIEVE the word of God and that Jesus is Lord (John 8:24; Hebrews 11:6)
- REPENT of sin (Acts 17:30)
- CONFESS that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (Matthew 10:32-33)
- BE BAPTIZED in order to receive remission of sins (Acts 2:38); in order to have past sins washed away (Acts 22:16); in order to get into the body of Christ, the church (Romans 6:3-4; Acts 2:47); in order to be saved (Mark 16:15-16; 1 Peter 3:21)
- LIVE FAITHFULLY in accordance with God’s word (1 John 1:6-9; Revelation 2:10)

## **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!

