

Prayer List

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, Kevin (Chela Keever's nephew)

Announcements

The next Men's Meeting will be tomorrow evening at 7PM.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, September 23	15/20/14
	Wednesday, September 26	10
Offering	Sunday, September 23	\$760.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Barry Simmons

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer	Lance Green
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Tommy Sanders
Assistant	Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	Keith Keever

Sunday Afternoon Worship

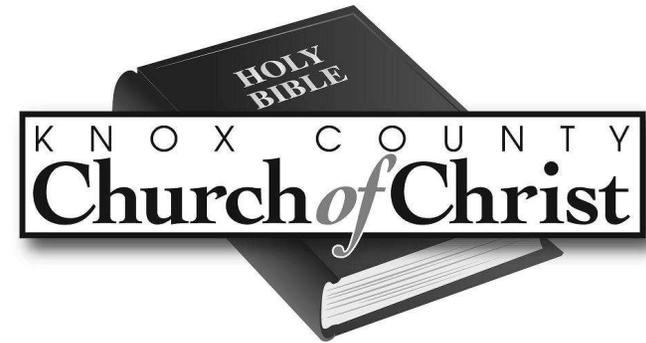
First Prayer	Barry Simmons
Songs	<i>Singing</i>
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Charles Hatcher
Closing Prayer	Tommy Sanders

Wednesday Night

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

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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

**“STRENGTHENED BY
HIS SPIRIT”**

[This article by brother David B. Watson is from the January 16, 2012 Beacon, a publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]

Paul promised the Ephesians that they would be built up or strengthened by the Word of God's grace (Acts 20:32). Paul also prayed, on behalf of the Ephesians, that the Father “would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man” (Eph. 3:16). How is this strengthening accomplished, and what is the relationship of the Word and the Spirit in this process? Paul explained this in detail in Ephesians 6, part of the near context of chapter 3.

The Admonition

Paul began by admonishing Christians: “be strong in the Lord” (6:10). This is parallel to “be strengthened” (3:16). He went on to speak of “the power of his [God's] might” (6:10). This is parallel to “with might” (3:16). How does the Holy Spirit strengthen the saint with might in the inner man? Paul answers by saying that the Christian must “put on the whole armour of God” (6:11).

The Ability

Four times in four verses Paul stated that this “armour of God” will give the Christian the ability to “stand.” First, he said that this armour will make him “able to stand against the wiles of the devil” (6:11). Paul then proceeded to list the devil's wiles: (1) “against principalities,” (2) “against powers,” (3) “against the rulers of the darkness of this world,” and (4) “against spiritual wickedness in high places” (6:12). Second, Paul stated that God's armour will make saints “able to withstand in the evil day” (6:13). Third, Paul exclaimed that, by taking this armour, children of

God will be able “having done all, to stand” (6:13). Fourth and finally, Paul commanded Christians to “stand therefore” (6:14).

The Armour

Paul next launched into a detailed description of the “armour of God.” First, we are to be “girt about with truth” (6:14). Second, we are to have “on the breastplate of righteousness” (6:14). Third, we are to be “shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace” (6:15). Fourth, we are to take “the shield of faith” (6:16). Fifth, we are to “take the helmet of salvation” (6:17). Sixth, we are to take “the sword of the Spirit” (6:17). These are the things that Paul says can strengthen us so we can stand. But “the Truth” is the Word of God which sanctifies (John 17:17, 19). *Righteousness* to the commandments of God (Psa. 119:172) as revealed in the Gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16-17). The “Gospel of peace” is the “Gospel of grace” (Acts 20:24) or the Word of God's grace which builds up and sanctifies (20:32). “The faith” is the “word of faith” Paul preached (Rom. 10:8) and which was once delivered unto the saint (Jude 3). The Gospel of Christ is God's power unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). Finally, the “sword of the Spirit” is the “word of God” (Eph. 6:17). All six of these pieces of Christian armour and weaponry relate to the Word of God.

How does the Holy Spirit help saints to stand? How does the Holy Spirit help saints to be strengthened? How does the Holy Spirit help saints to be sanctified? How does the Holy Spirit save saints at last? According to Paul, He does so through the Word of God (coupled with general/indirect providence). Do we need more than the Bible to be saved at last? According to Paul, we do not.

— *David B. Watson*

Welcome Visitors!

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!

