

Prayer List

Doris Reyes Fernandez, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Eleanor Green, Amanda Hatcher, Gordon Hatcher, 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)

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, October 7	20/20/17
	Wednesday, October 10	11
Offering	Sunday, October 7	\$810.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Keith Keever

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Barry Simmons
Assistant	Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	Tommy Sanders

Sunday Afternoon Worship

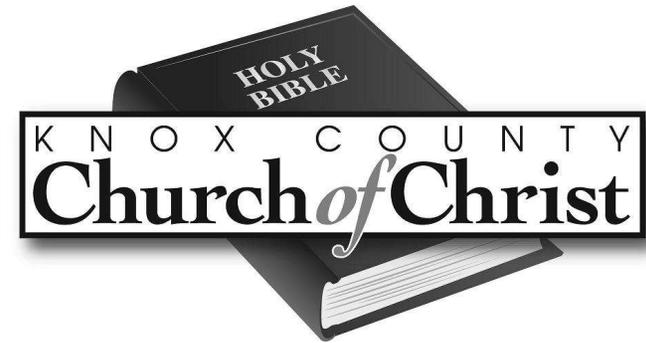
First Prayer	David Snyder
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Lance Green
Closing Prayer	Tommy Sanders

Wednesday Night

Songs	Lance Green
First Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Devotional	Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer	Keith Keever

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130 Mabry Hood Road
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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 **“SECULAR FUNDAMENTALISM”**

[This article by brother Roelf L. Ruffner is from the October 1, 2012 Beacon, a publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]

The above phrase was not coined by me. I first heard it on the Michael Medved radio show. I believe that it is an apt description of the increasing **anti-religious** (especially anti-Christian) attitude among many in our society. These folk are bound and determined to remove all mention of religion from the public arena. For them religion should be put in a box and that box hidden away in one's heart.

It began over forty years ago when the U.S. Supreme Court forbade public prayer in public schools. Through the years this mindset has gathered steam resulting in religion being pushed aside in concern over “separation of church and state” (a concept not found in the U.S. Constitution or any state constitution).

Part and parcel of this growing antagonism is the **man-made** between science and religion. The academic community in our nation has wholeheartedly embraced Charles Darwin's *Theory of Evolution*—the unsubstantiated belief that all life evolved from preexisting life. This unproven *theory* been swallowed whole by our public school system, the media, and entertainment industries. They have no use for the Bible or Christianity. In its place they have attempted to make this erroneous science into their religion. **True science is complimentary and compatible with true religion and vice versa.**

O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane *and* babblings, and oppositions of science [or knowledge] falsely so called (1 Tim. 6:20).

Along with the acceptance of the theory of evolution is the newfound respectability of **atheism**. Atheists have long been relegated to the ranks of crackpots and eccentric cranks, like the late Madeline Murray O'Hare. But lately a new crop of atheists has arisen. They have been involved in several debates and have written best sellers. Perhaps this goes along with the rising tide of unbelief in our culture. Of course their arguments are still **intellectually bankrupt and childish** so is the thinking of a majority of our society nowadays.

The fool hath said in his heart, *There is* God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *There is* that doeth good (Psa. 14:1).

Another part of this growth of secular fundamentalism is **hedonism** the incessant pursuit of pleasure—especially sexually. Practices once considered disgraceful and disgusting by society are now openly flaunted: adultery, cohabitation, promiscuity, homosexuality, etc. **Deviant** once “in the closet” are out of the closet and their adherents are demanding that the rest of us keep our views “in the closet.”

And even as they refused to have God in *their*, God gave them up unto a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting (Rom. 1:28—ASV).

What is the faithful Christian to do?

Rather than retreat from the forces of Satan, we should obey the Lord and be “the salt of the earth” and “the light of the world” (Mat. 5:13-14). With love, we must publicly refute this darkness with the light of God's Word whether in

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the pulpit or in print or in our daily conversations. Brethren, I do not expect secular fundamentalism to retreat but to only grow stronger. **We should expect the worst.** want us to “shut up and go away.”

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived (2 Tim. 3:12-13).

Rather than retreat, the church of Christ should **advance** the Gospel and help free more from the darkness of sin (cf. Acts 26:18). Christ is on our side as long as we are doing His will (cf. Mat. 28:19-20).

— *Roelf L. Ruffner*

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!

