

## Prayer List

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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

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Attendance	Sunday, October 14	16/17/13
	Wednesday, October 17	—
Offering	Sunday, October 14	\$722.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes      Lance Green

### Sunday Morning Worship

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

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

First Prayer      Tommy Sanders  
Songs      David Snyder  
Sermon      Charles Hatcher  
Lord's Supper      Keith Keever  
Closing Prayer      Barry Simmons

### Wednesday Night

Songs      Brad Green  
First Prayer      Barry Simmons  
Devotional      Tommy Sanders  
Closing Prayer      Charles Hatcher

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**October 21, 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

### "THE RIGHT ROD"

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

When God specifies that which man is to do, he must do it or incur Divine displeasure. Man may not add to, omit, or substitute anything in the place of that which God specifies. The Scriptures abound with illustrations of this principle, one of which is found in Exodus 17:1–7. On their way to Canaan after their miraculous deliverance from Egypt, Israel murmured against Moses and God because of thirst. God told Moses to take some of the elders with him and to smite a certain rock with his rod, which brought forth water.

God specified the rod that Moses was to take with him to the rock and with which he was to smite it: “Thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thy hand, and go” (v. 5). Was one rod as good as another? What if Moses had decided to pick up a stick along the way and use it? What if he had reasoned that he had a rod that he liked better and decided to use it. Doubtless, God would have been as unhappy with Moses as He was with the people for murmuring.

Herein is demonstrated one of the most significant principles of Biblical interpretation: the law of inclusion and exclusion. When God specifies what to do or how to do anything, he simultaneously **includes** all that he desires and implicitly **excludes** every thing else in the same class. When He told Moses what rod to use, he implicitly excluded (without explicitly saying a word about it) **every other rod**. This principle is likewise graphically illustrated (as faithful saints have long taught) in God’s instruction to Noah to build the ark of gopher wood (Gen. 6:14). The specification of gopher wood implicitly excluded (forbade) the use of any other wood.

The case of Nadab and Abihu, who offered “strange fire” before the Lord, also powerfully demonstrates the same principle (Lev. 10:1–2). The fire was not “strange” and rejected by God because He had explicitly forbidden it. Rather, it was “strange fire” “which he commanded them not” (Lev. 10:1). Thus, although God had not explicitly **forbidden** the fire they offered, it was excluded by the fact that God had specified what kind of fire to use. The **implicit** prohibitions of any other rod, wood, or fire in the foregoing examples were just as forceful and binding as if God had **explicitly** stated them.

God has not changed. Just as one rod is not as good as another, neither is one baptism as good as another. The Lord specifies immersion of believers in water for forgiveness of sins, thereby excluding every other “baptism” (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; et al.). One church is not as good as another. Only the one described in the New Testament exists with Divine approval; all others are excluded (Mat. 15:13; 16:18; Eph. 1:22–23; 4:4; et al.). The Lord specified singing as the kind of music we are to offer in Christian worship (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). Any other kind is “strange music which he commanded not.” Men ignore this essential principle to their own eternal peril.

-- 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!

