

Prayer List

Doris Reyes Fernandez, Monty Foster, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Eleanor Green, Amanda Hatcher, Gordon Hatcher, Juan Mandujano, Mary Lynn McAleer, Early Phillips, Andrew Ragle, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Verne Ragle, Ronald Russell, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Sheila Sollars, Kevin (Chela Keever's nephew)

- Betty Miller (Levy Cox' sister) will be having surgery for a heart blockage.

Announcements

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

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, January 27	14/17/14
	Wednesday, January 30	11
Offering	Sunday, January 27	\$768.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Tommy Sanders

Sunday Morning Worship

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

Sunday Afternoon Worship

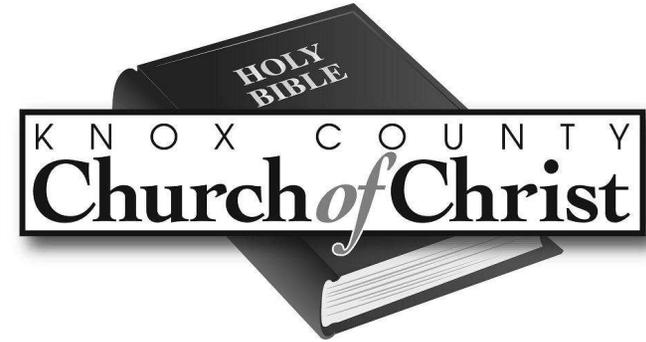
First Prayer	Tommy Sanders
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Charles Hatcher
Closing Prayer	Lance Green

Wednesday Night

Songs	Lance Green
First Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Devotional	Keith Keever
Closing Prayer	Tommy Sanders

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Meeting Location:
130 Mabry Hood Road
Suite 102
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

"THE DRAWING POWER IN RELIGION"

[This article was written by J J Turner, and appeared in the April 30, 1973 issue of The Defender, A Publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]

Advertisement is a multi-million dollar business. The success of advertisement depends upon drawing power. Many hours, weeks, and even years go into developing an appeal to draw consumers to a product. Someone has said, "You can sell anything if you make it attractive enough." Thus everything from soup to soap, beer to aspirin is advertised with the goal of drawing people to them.

Religions, down through the years, have also concerned themselves with drawing power. The Judaizers drew followers by coupling the Law of Moses with Christ. Gnostics drew followers by permitting lust and salvation. Constantine drew people to the baptismal waters by offering gifts. Charles Taze Russell, founder of Jehovah's Witnesses, drew followers with his doctrines of no hell, no Trinity, no resurrection judgment. Mary Baker Eddy, founder of Christian Science, drew people by convincing them that pain and sin were not real; satan, death and hell were only states of the mortal mind. Joseph Smith, founder of Mormonism, drew people by convincing them that he was a prophet with a revelation from God. Herbert W. Armstrong, Radio Church of God, draws people with a false hope of a thousand years reign on earth, etc.

Today, everything under the sun is being tried in an effort to draw people into churches. Among denominationalists, the gamut runs from jazz masses to rock plays. They have tried everything from sports to bingo. They have tried

the social gospel and the picket line; do-nothing to emotionalism. Yet their number continued to dwindle year after year. True, many are drawn for a little while, but they do not stay long. Why? Obviously something is wrong with the drawing power.

Among churches of Christ, sad to say, we have tried our hand at using nominal drawing powers. Some have thought that a well educated preacher would draw people. Others have cried, "If we only had a new church building, we could get people to come." We have had all these things for years, and the masses still pass by on the other side. What is wrong? Again it is the drawing power!

As far as Christianity is concerned, Jesus Christ is the sufficient drawing power. Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up, shall draw all men unto me" (Jno. 12:32). Initially, the Master meant His being lifted up on a cross would be powerful enough to draw men unto Him (Jno. 12:33). From the day of Pentecost onward, we see the drawing power of Christ demonstrated in the book of Acts. What do you suppose would have happened if Peter had addressed the Jews with an invitation to come later on that night and listen to him preach and then remain for a fellowship or game afterwards? I don't believe 3,000 would have returned, much less obey the gospel. Peter challenged them right on the spot, face to face, by lifting Christ up as their only hope (Acts 2:21-47).

There are several ways we must lift Christ up as our drawing power today. First, He must be lifted up as the content of faithful gospel preaching, because the Good News unto salvation is about Him (Mark 16:15; Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4). Second, He must be lifted up as the Christ who demands self-denial of every follower (Matt. 16:24). We dare not require less than the Master does! Third, Jesus must be lifted up as the lover of all men (Jno. 3:16; Rev.

1:5), not just a privileged few. Fourth, He must be lifted up as the Christ who demands obedience (Jno. 14:15, Heb. 5: 8,9). Fifth, He must be lifted up as the Christ who promises suffering (Matt. 5:12,13; Philippians 3:10). No where does Jesus promise a "bed of roses" for His followers. Sixth, He must be lifted up as the helping Christ (Matt. 11:28-32; 28:18-20). He hasn't left us alone to sink or swim!

If we are going to draw people to Christ and His church, we must place HIM first in our lives and teaching. Nothing must serve as a substitution for drawing people unto Him. All other "powers" cannot get the job done. Our desire and practice should ever be to lift the Blessed Savior up. HE IS SUFFICIENT!

-- J J Turner

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!

