

Prayer List

Gary Cooper, Nancy Farley, Doris Reyes Fernandez, Donna Fowler, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Eleanor Green, Mike Grigg, Gordon Hatcher, Juan Mandujano, Mary Lynn McAleer, Betty Miller, Bernice and E. Y. Mock, Early Phillips, Chris Ragle, Ronald Russell, Barry Simmons, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Sheila Sollars, Kevin (Chela Keever's nephew)

- Jana Ward (friend of the Simmons) of Murray, KY has been diagnosed with lung cancer.
- Tommy Brewster (husband of Chela's friend) has been having health problems. It has been determined that his heart is fine, but he is having problems with high cholesterol.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, June 9	18/19/17
	Wednesday, June 12	16
Offering	Sunday, June 9	\$675.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Brad Green

Sunday Morning Worship

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

Sunday Afternoon Worship

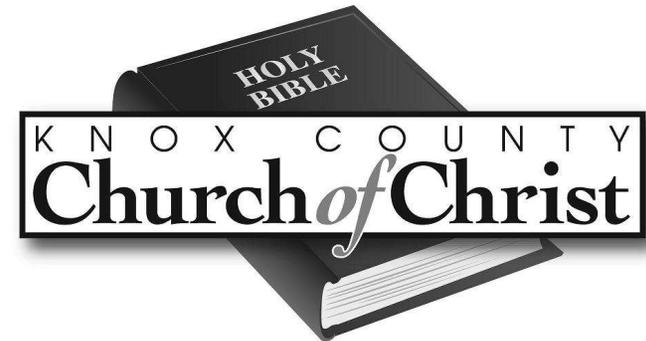
First Prayer Tommy Sanders
 Songs Keith Keever
 Sermon Brad Green
 Lord's Supper Keith Keever
 Closing Prayer Lance Green

Wednesday Night

Songs Lance Green
 First Prayer Charles Hatcher
 Devotional David Snyder
 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

“DON'T PREACH AGAINST ERROR”

[The following article is written by brother Lynn Parker and appeared in the January 7, 2008 issue of the Beacon, a publication of the Bellview Church of Christ.]

Over a number of years of preaching we have occasionally heard that someone is unhappy with preaching and teaching that refutes doctrinal error.

Some may believe that we ought to leave error alone unless it appears at the congregation's front door. Others might believe that you should deal with doctrinal error privately and never from the pulpit. I heard one woman say that we should just preach God's Word and never call the names of those who are false teachers. Some object to calling names of denominations or congregations in error.

Of course, preachers could preach on error to the neglect of other topics needed by the hearers. To avoid extremes, it is a good idea for preachers to make a list of sermon topics to be addressed during the year, and to keep a log of what has been taught so as to cover the many areas that need attention.

Balanced preaching will cover the negative and the positive, the error and the right. It will tear down sin, and build us up in righteousness. It will afflict those who are comfortable in sin, and comfort those afflicted by trial and tribulation. Effective, sound preaching will make those in sin uncomfortable or contrite. They will either repent or get mad. Remember that for some folks, even one sermon refuting error is one too many—it just really irritates them.

So what should preachers do? Preachers should take a lesson from Jeremiah's commission to, “pluck up and to break down and to destroy

and to overthrow, to build and to plant” (Jer. 1:10). Paul commanded the young evangelist, “preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching” (2 Tim. 4:2).

Now if someone says, just “preach the word” and leave error alone, we would have to ask this question: **“Which part of God's Word would you have me leave out of my preaching?”** You see, if I leave off preaching against error, I must leave out Colossians 2 for the second chapter of this epistle is directed at errors confronting the church (gnosticism, etc.). Almost all of the Galatian letter—6 chapters worth—refutes errors facing the church. Leave out refutation of error and you will have to edit the epistle of 1 Corinthians because Paul dealt with sin and error frequently there. And while we are deciding which passages to cut out of our preaching, we must remove several scores of verses from Hebrews and James. And by the way, we can no longer preach from either 2 Peter or Jude—they are almost completely devoted to refuting error. And the epistles of John (1st, 2nd, and 3rd John) simply must go because they are militant against error. The book of Revelation gets kicked out of our preaching because John called the specific congregations by location (rebuking five of the seven churches), and then called the name of a specific group of false teachers:

But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there some that hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit fornication. So hast thou also some that hold **the teaching of the Nicolaitans** in like manner. Repent therefore; or else I come to thee quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of my mouth (Rev. 2:14-16).

I doubt the Nicolaitans appreciated that mention but it is written there nonetheless!

I know of a congregation where the preacher and elders seldom spoke of error. Few warnings were given. And when finally error was at the “door,” the congregation was unprepared to handle the matter. The congregation is now, for all practical purposes, dead in sin and error.

Brethren, refuting error, and calling the names of groups or individuals that teach error, is as much a part of Christianity as love, joy, and peace! It builds the faith, it protects souls, and it arms the Christian soldier with ammunition to battle against every false way (Psa. 119:104). Let us stand by the proclamation of the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27).

--Lynn Parker

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!

