

Prayer List

Thomy Brewster, 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

- Barry Simmons will be having surgery at Park West tomorrow to replace the top lead of his defibrillator.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, June 23	35/39/9
	Wednesday, June 26	10
Offering	Sunday, June 23	\$807.01

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Charles Hatcher
Sunday Morning Worship

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

Sunday Afternoon Worship

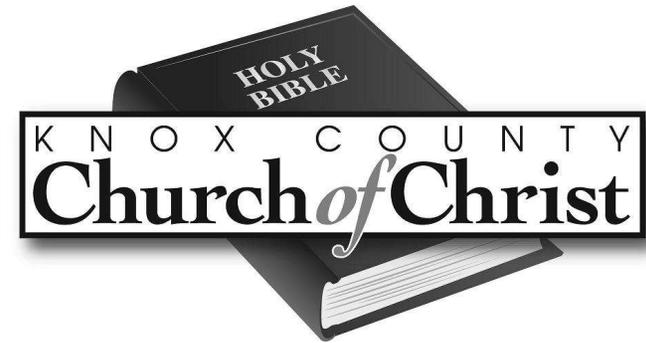
First Prayer Charles Hatcher
 Songs *Singing*
 Sermon Brad Green
 Lord's Supper Charles Hatcher
 Closing Prayer Donald Shipley

Wednesday Night

Songs Lance Green
 First Prayer Brad Green
 Devotional Tommy Sanders
 Closing Prayer Keith Keever

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Meeting Location:
 130 Mabry Hood Road
 Suite 102
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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
"MAN'S GREATEST CONCERN"

[The following article is written by brother David Brown and appeared in the January 28, 2008 issue of the Beacon, a publication of the Bellview Church of Christ.]

The story is told of a preacher who preached a very graphic and descriptive sermon on sin. After the sermon one "well meaning" and prominent church member approached the preacher with the following advice. The person said, "We don't want you to talk so plainly about sin, because if our children hear you talking so much about sin they will more easily become sinners. Call it a mistake if you will, but don't speak so plainly about sin."

Shortly thereafter the "well meaning" member was visiting in the preacher's home. The preacher presented a bottle of strychnine marked "Poison" to his visitor. Reminding the "well meaning" member of the earlier advice given to the preacher, the preacher then said to his visitor: "I see now what you meant in your recent advice. You want me to change the label. But suppose I take off this label marked 'Poison' and put on some mild label, such as 'Oil of Anise,' can't you see what happens?"

"The milder you make the label, the more dangerous you make the poison." Our Lord did not place a "mild label" on sin. He made it clear that sin is man's greatest concern. It is the responsibility of the church (Gospel preachers in particular) to make sin as real and abhorrent to people as possible if there is to be any hope of convicting anyone of sin and thereby truly converting them to Christ.

First, we must realize that God is the only one who can evaluate sin properly. Let us, therefore, strive to see sin as God sees it.

Second, God defines sin to be "the

transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). Sin separates men from God (Isa. 59:2; Col. 2:13). Hence, to die in sin is to be lost eternally in a devil's hell (Gal. 5:19-24; Rev. 21:8; Mat. 25:41-46).

Third, one should notice how God moves people to come out of a life of sin. Jesus had more to say about hell than anyone else we read of in the Bible, and the reason why is that He does not want anyone to go to that terrible place (Mat. 25; 2 The. 1:7-9; 2 Pet. 3:9-13; Rev. 22:17).

Is it not obvious that one of the ways to understand just how God views sin is to understand the place that God has prepared for those who die in sin? Do we try to get people to see the eternal consequences of their sinful lives (Rom. 2:3)?

God's great love for sinful man is the other factor that helps us see sin as God sees it (Rom. 2:4). "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8; John 3:16). To study in the Bible the loving, sinless life of Christ and to meditate on His agonizing and shameful death is a great motivating factor for man. In so doing, one realizes that Christ freely left Heaven and the form of God to take upon Himself the form of man whereby He allowed Himself to be tempted as all men are tempted, yet without sin (Phi. 2:5-8; Heb. 4:15). Surely, few people meditate on what God has done for them that they never could do for themselves!

If the consequences of a devil's hell for the sinner and the love of God to redeem sinful man will not move one to turn to God in penitence and obedience to the Gospel, **nothing else is available to turn the sinner from his eternal appointment with the fires of hell!**

People who take the Lord's name in vain, commit adultery, and other immoral acts, who lie, cheat, gossip, steal, teach false doctrine, etc., are going to burn in hell eternally. The unfaithful members

of the Lord's church who have ceased to worship according to the Bible, who do not study the Bible, who are covetous, who murmur and complain, who are immoral, who repudiate Bible authority, who are hypocrites, and who hate their brethren who love and obey the truth will also suffer the torment of the raging fires of "the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8; 2 Pet. 2:20-22). **Assuredly, the elders and preachers who see a lost world and sinful members and do not try to confront boldly such sinful people with God's Truth, will occupy one of the hotter and lower pits of hell.**

If precious souls are to escape the horrors of hell, we must do our part as Christians to get men to see what sin is. Let us not mince words as we expose sin. Neither let us forget to set forth the Christ who is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

--David Brown

