

## Prayer List

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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

## The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, July 21	15/18/13
	Wednesday, July 24	24
Offering	Sunday, July 21	\$1010.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes Brad Green

### Sunday Morning Worship

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

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

First Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Songs	<i>Singing</i>
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Keith Keever
Closing Prayer	Tommy Sanders

### Wednesday Night

Songs	Lance Green
First Prayer	Keith Keever
Devotional	Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

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**July 28, 2013**



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**Meeting Location:**  
130 Mabry Hood Road  
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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***

### **“LET US BEGIN WITH PRAYER”**

*[The following article is written by brother Danny Douglas and appeared in the April 7, 2008 issue of the Beacon, a publication of the Bellview Church of Christ.]*

We have probably heard this expression many times. It is good and right that God’s children recognize their need for Him and accordingly approach His throne. Let us now consider various applications of the thought: “Let us begin with prayer.”

#### **Let Us Begin the Day With Prayer**

In so doing, we will be following the example of Jesus Christ. We read: “And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed” (Mark 1:35). As the song states: “Ere you left your room this morning did you think to pray.”

#### **Let Us Begin Our Decisions with Prayer**

This is what our Lord did before selecting his twelve apostles (Luke 6:12-16). The Bible states: “And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God” (Luke 6:12). The Son of God Himself needed to approach the Father’s throne, and He is much greater than we are. What an example for us this is!

We also recall how that Joshua and the men of Israel were beguiled by the Gibeonites (Jos. 9:1-27). Why? They “asked not counsel at the mouth of the Lord” (9:14). Do we seek the Lord’s counsel by Bible study and prayer unto Him? By prayerfully following God’s Word, we will receive His wise counsel. “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light

unto my path” (Psa. 119:105).

#### **Let Us Begin Our Family with Prayer**

The godly woman Hannah is a great example of this. She promised God that if He would give her a man child, that she would give him unto the Lord all the days of his life: “And she vowed a vow, and said, O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head” (1 Sam. 1:11). God granted her request and she bore Samuel, who would become one of the greatest characters of all time.

There are other matters pertaining to the family for which one should pray, such as the choice of a godly mate, the bringing up of children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, strength and wisdom, and setting spiritual priorities which result in choices producing the greatest spiritual benefit.

#### **Let Us Begin a Great Work with Prayer**

Nehemiah is one who saw the need for a great work and immediately began to pray about it: “And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven, And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments: Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father’s house have sinned” (Neh. 1:4-11).

We recall how that king Artaxerxes of Persia, granted Nehemiah his cupbearer the request of going back to Jerusalem to rebuild the city and even supplied the materials for it. Accordingly, Nehemiah gives God the glory: “And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me” (Neh. 2:8b).

Later, in order to hinder the work of rebuilding, the enemies of God’s people sought to entice Nehemiah to compromise, but he refused, saying: “I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?” (Neh. 6:3). Moreover, when they brought slander against Nehemiah and attempted to make the Jews afraid, what did Nehemiah do? He prayed unto God: “Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands” (Neh. 6:9b). This, plus the fact that the “people had a mind to work,” resulted in the completion of the reconstruction (Neh. 4:6; 6:15).

#### **Let Us Be in a Position to Pray**

In order for our prayers to avail much, we must be righteous people, and we must pray fervently. “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much” (Jam. 5:16). The privilege of prayer is a great motivation to do the right and to shun the wrong: “For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil” (1 Pet. 3:12).

*--Danny Douglas*

### **Welcome Visitors**

We’re glad you are with us today. Feel free to ask us any questions you may have. We look forward to getting to know you better.