

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, sister Orasco (Peru), Early Phillips,
Chris Ragle, Ronald Russell, Barry Simmons,
Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Sheila Sollars,
Kevin (Chela Kever's nephew), Jana Ward

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, August 25	18/19/17
	Wednesday, August 28	23
Offering	Sunday, August 25	\$1325.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Charles Hatcher
Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer	Lance Green
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Tommy Sanders
Assistant	Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

Sunday Afternoon Worship

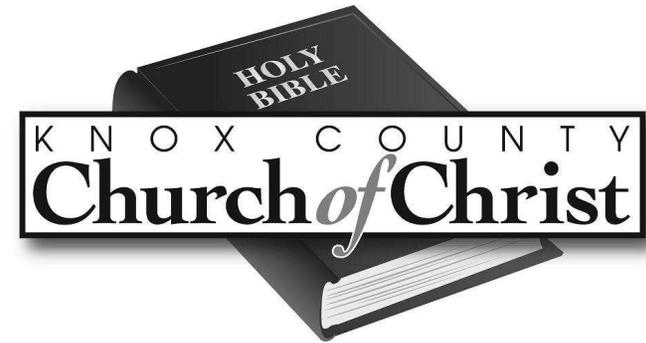
First Prayer	Barry Simmons
Songs	Keith Kever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer	Lance Green

Wednesday Night

Songs	David Snyder
First Prayer	Keith Kever
Devotional	Charles Hatcher
Closing Prayer	Barry Simmons

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130 Mabry Hood Road
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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 GOODNESS OF GOD"

[The following article is written by brother Paul Vaughn and appeared in the June 30, 2008 issue of the Beacon, a publication of the Bellview Church of Christ.]

There are millions of people throughout the world who are searching for God. They seek to find Him in different ways and different places. They look for God through the eyes of a moralist, in the face of a child, in philanthropic humanitarianism, and in world religions. Books written by men have impeded the progress in this quest for God. The writings of Confucius, Hinduism, denominationalism, Judaism, and Islam have brought about confusion. Yet, God can be found if one just looks to the means that He has provided for this search. God has given man the Scriptures so man can be complete in his knowledge about God. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

It is in the Scriptures that man can learn about the nature of God. God is love: "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love" (1 John 4:8). God is merciful, kind, and gracious (Exo. 34:6; Luke 6:35; Num. 14:18). It is written, "Justice and judgment *are* the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face" (Psa. 89:14). God's judgment is just because it is according to truth. Those who reject the truth of God will receive their just reward. "But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath" (Rom. 2:8). Therefore, God is both good and just!

This study will focus on the *Goodness of God*. It is a reality that God is good. *Good* can be used in many different ways. An honest man is often described as being good. One may have many good friends or good neighbors. There are many things that are good. A computer can be called good because it is useful in writing or research.

Good is also used to describe moral goodness. In this principle, the goodness of God is described. David used this type of logic in describing the moral character of God. He said, "Good and upright *is* the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way" (Psa. 25:8). In this wonderful verse, one can see that God provides instructions for man to walk the pathway of righteousness. Those in sin can be freed from the guilt and iniquity if they humbly obey the instructions of God. The goodness of God has provided the way of escape from the penalty for sin.

Good is translated from the Greek word *agathos*. It "describes that which, being 'good' in its character or constitution, is beneficial in its

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)

effect" (Unger and White). *Goodness* means "that which is moral, ethical, righteous, and faultless in and of itself." God is the sum total of all perfection. Therefore, goodness is an attribute of God!

God is good. Because He is good, we have a moral and ethical standard that is righteous and faultless. The good in our society does not come from man, but God. God directs man through His Word to walk the pathway of righteousness. Seeking and doing that which is good in His sight. How much better this world would be if mankind would follow God's moral and ethical standard. The world can be changed for the good. It begins with us seeking to do that which is good in the sight of God, because God is good.

-- Paul Vaughn

Work Cited: Unger, Merril F., and William White, Jr. *W. E. Vine: An Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 1985.

