

## Prayer List

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Fairol Boley, Thomy Brewster, Nancy Farley, Doris Reyes Fernandez, Donna Fowler, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Eleanor Green, Mike Grigg, Gordon Hatcher, Dennis Hogan, Juan Mandujano, Mary Lynn McAleer, Larry McCollum, Betty Miller, Bernice and E. Y. Mock, sister Orasco (Peru), Early Phillips, Chris Ragle, Ronald Russell, Barry Simmons, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Sheila Sollars, Jana Ward

- Janice Ruffner (wife of Roelf Ruffner who preaches for the Hill Town Church of Christ) has a bad lung condition and may require surgery.

## The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, September 22	21/23/20
	Wednesday, September 25	15
Offering	Sunday, September 22	\$892.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes     Keith Keever

### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer	Barry Simmons
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	<i>Singing</i>
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer	Charles Hatcher

### Wednesday Night

Songs	David Snyder
First Prayer	Keith Keever
Devotional	Charles Hatcher
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

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September 29, 2013



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**Meeting Location:**  
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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



### “On Not Allowing The World To Dictate To Us What The Standards Should Be”

[The following article is written by brother Johnny Oxendine and appeared in the August 25, 2008 issue of the Beacon, a publication of the Bellview Church of Christ.]

Too often people are affected by what the world says (or thinks). Even in the church some allow **the thoughts of the secular confidant to carry greater weight than that of biblically informed brethren**. Often what we think of as the “greatest” (idea, investment, plan) is not based upon what truly has affected us as great (salvation), but what society as a whole pressures us to think of as “great.” The “great” must be someone who has achieved fame, is above average, esteemed highly, accomplished some outstanding achievement, or attained special academic status. And while some may attain such levels in this life, the majority of the earth’s population simply will not measure up, at least, **according to the world’s standard**.

How comforting then is it (for the faithful) to know that God does not have the same standard

### Welcome Visitors

Thank you for visiting with us today. If you have any questions about anything said or done during our worship service, please feel free to ask. Also, please take a moment to fill out one of our visitor’s information cards and stick around after services so that we can get to know you better.

as the world? There was one occasion in the life of Jesus when his disciples took up this very question: “Who is the greatest?” (Mat. 18:1). The next few verses read:

And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven (Mat. 18:2-4).

Another example was when some disciples were arguing over who would sit on the right hand and left of Jesus in the kingdom. We read Jesus response in Matthew 20:25-28:

But Jesus called them *unto him*, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

It is not the “great” who will be the “greatest” in God’s kingdom, but the one who humbles himself and becomes everyone else’s servant.

What really matters most is our attitude. Even when we have served all that we can serve, we must still admit that we are unprofitable servants according to Luke 17:10. In that regard, we can never be the greatest. At the same time, we can be the greatest that we can be (doing our personal best) in the eyes of the Lord if we seek to love Him with all of our heart, soul, and mind (Mat. 22:37). In this way, God sees us as His children, each being what they can be to be pleasing to

their father. So each of us can be the “greatest” and at the same time none of us will be “the greatest.”

In this particular regard, Micah 6:8 comes to mind. The people in Micah’s day were actually asking this same question. They wanted to know what they could do to be the greatest. Would thousands of burnt offerings do it? How about 10,000 rivers of oil? What about sacrificing my firstborn? None of those things would have made them great, so far as God was concerned. Instead the reply is: “He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?” Indeed, that is what it takes to be the greatest.

So as we think about greatness, let it be in service to Him (and Him alone).

--*Johnny Oxendine*

## 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)