

## **Prayer List**

Thomy Brewster, Doris Reyes Fernandez, Donna Fowler, Marc Genua, Eleanor Green, Mike Grigg, Gordon Hatcher, Juan Mandujano, Mary Lynn McAleer, Larry McCollum, Betty Miller, sister Orasco (Peru), Early Phillips, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Barry Simmons, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Sheila Sollars, Jana Ward

## **Announcements**

We are very happy to announce that Kevin and Patty Felker, as well as Terry and Sheila Hurst have placed membership with our congregation. We appreciate their faithfulness to the Lord, and for their desire to work together with us for Him.

## **The Numbers**

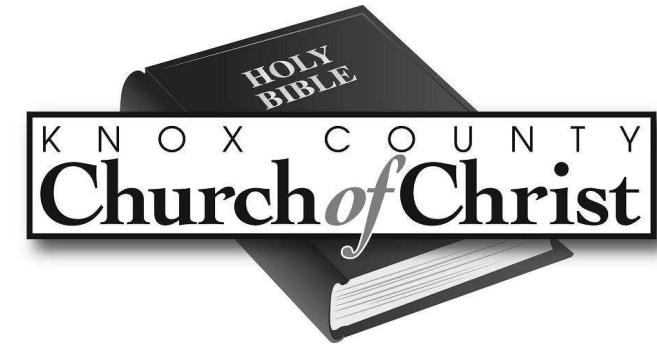
Attendance	Sunday, November 3	15/18/14
	Wednesday, November 6	14
Offering	Sunday, November 3	\$1052.00

## **Those Serving**

Prayer Before Sunday Classes	Terry Hurst
<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b>	
Announcements & Prayer	Barry Simmons
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Tommy Sanders
Assistant	Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	Kevin Felker
<b>Sunday Afternoon Worship</b>	
First Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer	Barry Simmons
<b>Wednesday Night</b>	
Songs	Kevin Felker
First Prayer	David Snyder
Devotional	Charles Hatcher
Closing Prayer	Keith Keever

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**November 10, 2013**



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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*

### **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PEOPLE PERSECUTE YOU?**

[The following article is written by brother Tim Smith and appeared in the October 13, 2008 issue of the Beacon, a publication of the Bellview Church of Christ.]

#### **All Faithful Children of God Shall Suffer Some Form of Persecution.**

It is certainly not a major “selling point” for New Testament Christianity, but it is true nonetheless. All who would live right shall meet opposition in the form of persecution at some time in his/her life. It may be slanderous words, it may be denial of employment or friendship, it may be social exclusion, or it may be something else, but know this: it shall come. Did not our beloved brother Paul tell us that all who live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution? Indeed he did and indeed we shall. You need not go looking for someone to persecute you, they will find you in time. Their leader, Satan, knows where you are and the closer you get to heaven the more interested in you he becomes. It may not be that you will ever be in danger of losing your life because of your fidelity, but then again it may. Maybe you are now being persecuted and you consider it as nothing and are pressing on in the Way. Maybe your persecution ended yesterday. Maybe it will start tomorrow. But know this: all faithful children of God shall suffer some form of persecution.

#### **Who Will Do the Persecuting?**

Generally speaking, the devil is always behind the persecution of the faithful. Sometimes he will appear as the hideous monster he really is. Maybe it will be some humanistic group opposing your right to worship freely. Maybe it will be some atheistic teacher fighting everything you believe

in by filling your seventh grade son’s mind with notions of evolution and the big bang. Perhaps it will be the boss who promotes your less-qualified co-worker because he will go drinking with him on the weekends, or because she wears immodest outfits to work and flirts with him. But the saddest of all forms of persecution, at least as I see it, is when your brethren turn against you. I never cease to be amazed at how people will turn on you and say and do the most hateful things to you, people in whose homes you have been, people who have enjoyed the warmth of your hearth through hard times, people you have laughed with and wept with and in general shared your life with. These are the tools of Satan that do the most damage to the heart of the persecuted and the name of the church.

#### **What Happens When People Persecute You?**

Perhaps you have heard it said that sticks and stones may break your bones but words will never hurt you? That may have worked when we were children, but I can tell you this: words do hurt. They hurt your feelings, they hurt your reputation, and they hurt your effectiveness in the kingdom. They make people wonder about you. They make them avoid you in public. They make people think things about you that are just not

#### **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.

true. They hurt! They also make it so when you would teach the Gospel to some poor soul in danger of hell fire that poor lost soul cannot listen to you properly because of the lies your own brethren have told about you. How tragic. Many horrible things can happen when people persecute you, but this one thing will not happen: Jesus will never stop loving and helping and saving you so long as you live right—no matter what people say about you. The tools of the devil in your life may well hurt you in many ways, but they cannot touch the relationship you have with Jesus unless you let them. Whatever happens, whatever is said, whoever sets himself against you, remember: Be faithful unto death and Jesus will give you the crown of life. Never give up.

--Tim Smith

#### **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!

