

## Prayer List

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Thomy Brewster, Richard Burris, Rick Burris, Croshia Elder, Doris Reyes Fernandez, Donna Fowler, Marc Genua, Anna Bell Green, Eleanor Green, Michelle Grimm, Gordon Hatcher, Mimi Headrick, Dennis Hogan, Kenny Hughes, Paige Lackey, Mary Lynn McAleer, Juan Mandujano, Larry McCollum, Betty Miller, Magaly Orozco, Early Phillips, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Ronald Russell, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Jana Ward

- Barry Simmons was hospitalized Thursday and Friday with a possible mild stroke.
- Dennis Hogan (friend of Amanda's family) will be having surgery on Mar 28 for lung cancer.

## The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, March 9	12/18/14
	Wednesday, March 12	13
Offering	Sunday, March 9	\$696.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes Tommy Sanders

### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer	Kevin Felker
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution	David Snyder
Assistant	Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	Charles Hatcher

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

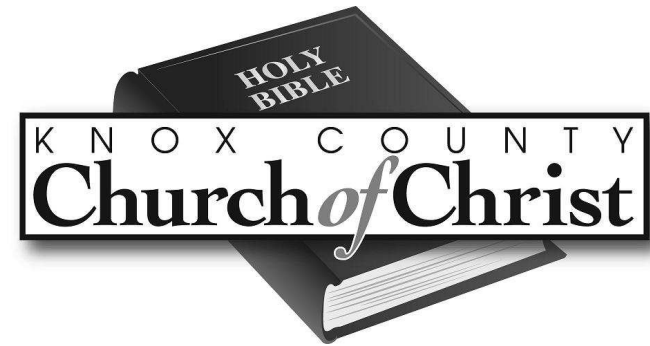
First Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Songs	Kevin Felker
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	David Snyder
Closing Prayer	Tommy Sanders

### Wednesday Night

Songs	David Snyder
First Prayer	Terry Hurst
Devotional	Kevin Felker
Closing Prayer	Keith Keever

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**March 16, 2014**



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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

### "BIBLICAL BAPTISM #7"

[The following article is written by brother Dub McClish and was published in Denton Record-Chronicle, Denton, Texas, November 30, 2007.]

Protestantism generally denies that baptism is a condition of salvation from sin. It often does so, averring that it is a "work," and one cannot be saved by one's own works.

Clearly, the Bible teaches that one **cannot** be saved by "works": "For by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; **not of works**, that no man should glory" (Eph. 2:8-9, *emph. added*). Just as clearly, however, the Bible teaches that one **is** saved by "works": "Ye see that **by works a man is justified**, and not only by faith...even so **faith apart from works is dead**" (Jam. 2:24-26, *emph. added*). Since the Bible does not contradict itself, we must conclude that Paul and James wrote of different kinds of "works," for salvation requires works of some sort.

Paul identified the works of which he wrote as those which are "of yourselves" in which one could "glory." Similarly, he further stated the futility of seeking salvation by such works: "Not by **works done in righteousness, which we did ourselves**, but according to his mercy he saved us... (Tit. 3:5a, *emph. added*). No one can be morally good (i.e., "righteous") enough or do enough good works to boast, "I have saved myself from sin and condemnation. God owes it to me."

When James wrote that one **is** saved by works, what sort of "works" did **he** mean? The context indicates that he referred to **works of obedience**

**to God**, which one's faith causes him to do. He cited Abraham and Rahab as examples of those who were justified before God by such obedient faith (Jam. 2:21, 25). The Bible ever enjoins faith-actuated obedience, requiring our works in response, as necessary to salvation: "And having been made perfect, he [Christ] became **unto all them that obey** him the author of eternal salvation" (Heb. 5:9, *emph. added*; cf. Mat. 7:21; et al.).

Is baptism a work of which one can boast, or is it an act of obedience to Christ, based upon one's faith? The Bible teaches that it is the latter. After stating that one is saved by God's mercy, rather than by one's "works of righteousness" (as noted above), Paul then wrote that God saves men "through the **washing of regeneration** and renewing of the Holy Spirit" (Tit. 3:5b, *emph. added*). The only thing in the New Testament to which *the washing of regeneration* can refer is baptism. Notice that Paul **excluded** it from being a "work of [man's own] righteousness," but rather identified it with **God's merciful plan of salvation**. One who is properly taught will trust in the "working of God," not in his own works, in baptism (Col. 2:12). Baptism is not a work of merit.

--Dub McClish

### 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.

## 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)

## 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!

