

Prayer List

Thomy Brewster, Doris Reyes Fernandez, Marc Genua, Eleanor Green, Michelle Grimm, Virgil Hale, Gordon Hatcher, Dennis Hogan, Kenny Hughes, Evelyn Hunt, Juan Mandujano, Larry McCollum, Betty Miller, Magaly Orozco, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Jana Ward

- Richard Thompson (David Snyder's uncle) has Parkinson's Disease and pneumonia and has been hospitalized in Wabash, Indiana
- Betty Harama (Chela Keever's mother) is recovering after recent knee surgery.
- Anna Belle Green (Brad's grandmother) passed away last Sunday. She was 91.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, September 7	15/21/15
	Wednesday, September 10	18
Offering	Sunday, September 7	\$955.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Barry Simmons
Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer	Tommy Sanders
Songs	Kevin Felker
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Charles Hatcher
Assistant	Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	Terry Hurst

Sunday Afternoon Worship

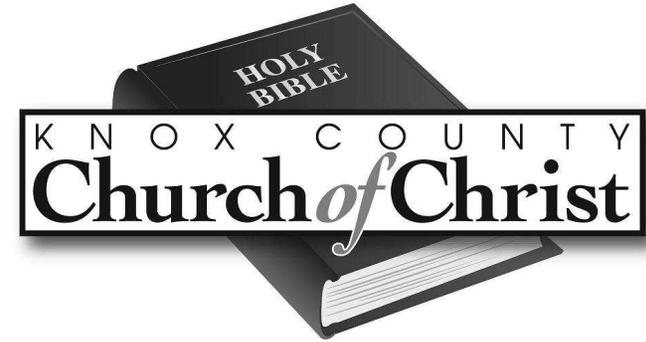
First Prayer	Kevin Felker
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Charles Hatcher
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

Wednesday Night

Songs	Keith Keever
First Prayer	David Snyder
Devotional	Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer	Terry Hurst

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Meeting Location:
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

"GOD WORKS"

[The following article was written by Michael Hatcher, and appeared in the October 1995 Defender, published by the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]

God is the ruler of the universe. Daniel told king Nebuchadnezzar, "That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will" (Dan. 4:25). This was because of Nebuchadnezzar's pride. He must learn that God is the ruler of the universe. The same is true today. "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God" (Rom. 13:1).

God, as ruler of the universe, has always worked within the world. God exercises His control to bring about His desired will, in compatibility with man's free will, by working in the affairs of man. Daniel, in a wonderful prayer, stated that God controlled everything, even to the raising up and destroying of kings. "Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what *is* in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him" (Dan. 2:20-22). The realization that God is working and controlling the world is the basis for James' teaching, "For that ye *ought* to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that" (Jam. 4:15). We must

ever live with the thought that God rules in (is in control of) our affairs, yea the whole world.

The question is not; does God work in the affairs of man, but how does He do it? God has worked by two methods throughout history. God has worked through the avenue of miracles and through providence. A miracle is the transcendence, setting aside, overruling or interference of the processes of nature, for the moment, by a Force superior to nature, a supernatural power, God. Providence is God's working within the processes of nature. Providence does not transcend, set aside, overrule or interfere with the processes of nature. God is still working but He is using the processes of nature to bring about His desired intentions. Often Pentecostals believe that unless God works a miracle, He is not working. Sadly, some of our own brethren fall into the same trap. They accuse those who deny the occurrence of miracles today, as denying the power of God. The truth is that they are the ones who deny the power of God. They falsely believe that for God to work He must perform a miracle. That denies His ability to work within the laws of nature.

Miracles, in the Bible, are fairly easy to find. When God created the universe and man (Gen. 1), that was a miracle. When Moses brought water from a rock (Exo. 17; Num. 20) or when Elijah (1 Kin. 17) or Elisha (2 Kin. 4) raises one from the dead, it is a miracle. Miracles are when Jesus walks on the water (Mat. 14), raises Lazarus from the dead (John 11), heals the infirmed, etc. These were true miracles, not the fakes we see today. No one denied or challenged the miracles recorded in the Bible. This cannot be said of the so-called modern-day miracles. They are not only challenged but have repeatedly been shown to be fake. Through the miracles of the Bible God is working to bring

about His desired will.

Providence is more difficult to observe. However, there are clearly passages that show the providence of God. After Joseph is sold into slavery and later elevated to a position under Pharaoh, his brothers come to buy food. After moving to Egypt and the death of Jacob, his brothers come to him with a lie telling him their father told them to ask forgiveness from him. Joseph says their selling him into captivity was the providence of God. "But as for you, ye thought evil against me; *but* God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as *it is* this day, to save much people alive" (Gen. 50:20). The entire book of Esther speaks volumes concerning the providence of God. In that record, Mordecai says, "and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?" (Est. 4:14b). God had arranged everything to bring Esther to the kingdom to bring about deliverance for the Jews. The New Testament likewise speaks of the providence of God in such passages as Romans 8:28; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Matthew 28:20; Philippians 4:6-7; 1 Peter 3:12 and many others.

Brethren, let us always remember that God is still in control. God is still going to work out His desired will in the affairs of man today. While the forces of evil are all around us, and even through all the problems we face in the Lord's church today, let us remember that God is in control and will work things out in the way He desires.

--Michael Hatcher

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.