

Prayer List

Marc Genua, Eleanor Green, Michelle Grimm,
Virgil Hale, Betty Harama, Gordon Hatcher,
Dennis Hogan, Kenny Hughes, Evelyn Hunt,
Brandi Kayla Keever, Herminia Linginfelter,
Magaly Orozco, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Tim
Smith, John and Dolores Snyder, Richard
Thompson, Susan Vaigneur, Jana Ward

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, November 9	12/22/12
	Wednesday, November 12	18
Offering	Sunday, November 9	\$587.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Kevin Felker

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer	Barry Simmons
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Charles Hatcher
Assistant	Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer	Terry Hurst

Sunday Afternoon Worship

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

Wednesday Night

Songs	Kevin Felker
First Prayer	Terry Hurst
Devotional	David Snyder
Closing Prayer	Barry Simmons

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Meeting Location:
130 Mabry Hood Road
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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

"THE 'POISON' OF RELIGION"

[This article by Dub McClish of the Northpoint Church of Christ in Denton, TX was written for and published in the Denton Record-Chronicle, Denton, TX, June 12, 2009.]

Christopher Hitchens, renowned British atheist, titled his 2007 book, *God Is Not Great* (subtitled, *How Religion Poisons Everything*). Both are solid thwacks at the mazards of believers. He knows how to get our attention. Hitchens is one of a few "new wave" atheists who have recently begun preaching their ungodly of unbelief to every creature. What shall we make of such efforts?

- **First**, the bold and sudden spurt of their rantings seems to reflect a panic mode. Has the rise of the "intelligent design" concept unnerved them? Did Anthony Flew's 2004 defection from his almost lifelong atheism rattle their cages? Has desperation set in?
- **Second**, Hitchens and his colluders, unlike the "old guard" of their genre, are not content merely to be atheists; they must convert those silly believers to infidelity. They not only do not believe in God and His Son (in spite of abundant evidence); their evangelistic campaign is bent on destroying the faith of everyone possible (especially the younger set).
- **Third**, Hitchens' title lays bare the arrogance and snarling defiance of his kind regarding the very idea of God as revealed both in His creation and in His Word. His title implies, "Even if I should concede the existence of the God of you blinkered Christians, he's not much to write home about. He ruins everything he touches." If we are all merely complex chemical reactions (as atheist scientists allege), why should he be so

indignant at our faith? He may as well rail against a hurricane or an Irish potato.

- **Fourth**, Hitchens (as his kin) champions logic and reason. (He will get no argument on this score from knowledgeable Christians. God gave us our minds, gave us the Bible which appeals to our reasoning abilities, and told us to use our minds in our service to Him [Mat. 22:37].) However, before one reaches the title page, Hitchens' subtitle abuses reason: It asserts an unprovable universal generalization that "religion poisons everything." Everything? If he wishes to affirm that **some** religions poison **some** things, we will give him a hearty "Amen." But he avers far more than any wise mortal would aver, and his book falls far short of proving it.

Hitchens and his sort have a long and storied ancestry. His forebears were denying God's existence at least a millennium before the Word became flesh, and David accurately identified them as corrupt fools (Psa. 14:1; cf. Rom. 1:19-25). Contrary to Hitchens, God is, and He is great; Christianity Improves Everything—A provable generalization, we are confident.

--Dub McClish

Welcome Visitors

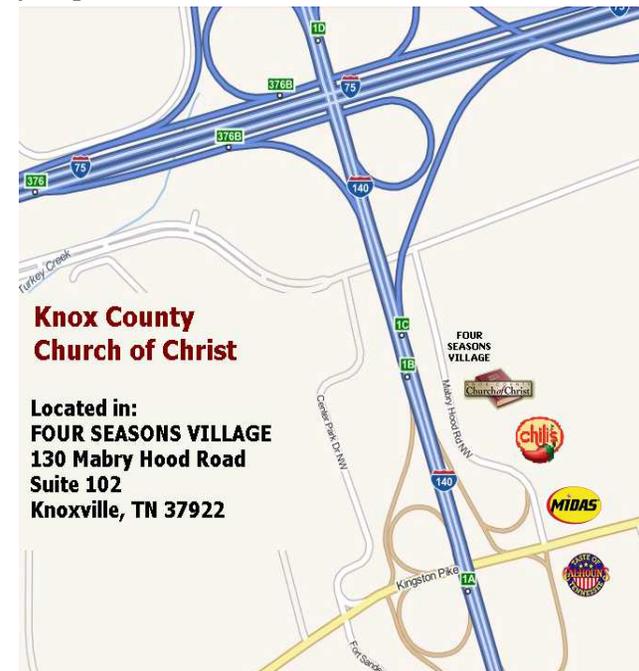
Thank you for visiting with us today. If you have any questions about anything said or done during our worship service, please feel free to ask. Also, please take a moment to fill out one of our visitor's information cards and stick around after services so that we can get to know you better.

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!



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