

Prayer List

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

- John Snyder (David's father) passed away Friday. Services will be at 10AM Tuesday in McDonald Funeral Home in LaFontaine Chapel (LaFontaine, Indiana)
- Sheila Hurst's parents are having health issues. They live in Birminham, AL
- Andria Hurst Wood (Hurst's daughter) will be having back surgery
- Sam Teasley (friend of Brad) has cancer.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, December 7	18/23/17	
	Wednesday, December 10	11	
Offering	Sunday, December 7	\$731.00	

Those Serving

Prayer before Sunday Class Tommy Sanders

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & First Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Songs	Keith Kever
Sermon	Kevin Felker
Lord's Supper	Barry Simmons
Contribution	Terry Hurst
Closing Prayer	Tommy Sanders

Sunday Afternoon Worship

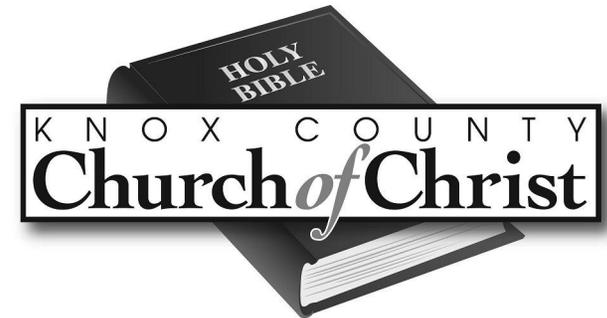
First Prayer	Barry Simmons
Songs	Kevin Felker
Sermon	Terry Hurst
Lord's Supper	Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

Wednesday Night

Songs	Kevin Felker
First Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Devotional	TBD
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

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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 Preachers Pen

“Just Do Right”

[This article is written by brother Michael Hatcher, and appeared in the November, 2008 issue of The Defender, A Publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]

Many times elders and preachers are asked by people what they should do. The simple answer and correct one is to just do what is right. However, *right* first means there is a right. For there to be a “right,” there must be a way to establish right and wrong. God is the ultimate source of morality and what is moral and immoral; we must look to Him to determine what is right. However, God does not speak directly to anyone today. Thus, we must look to what He has said as written down for us by the apostles and holy prophets as the Holy Spirit guided them. When we read, study, and learn what they wrote, we then can know the mind of God (1 Cor. 2:9-13; Eph. 3:1-5). In knowing the mind of God, we can then know what is right and what is wrong. Thus, in answering to just do what is right, we are saying to do what the Bible teaches us to do. This will always be the safe way—the right way.

When it comes to the plan of salvation, we have attempted to get our friends and neighbors in the religious world to “just do right.” Instead of teaching and practicing their doctrines of men (grace only, faith only, et al.) to teach and practice what is right—the Bible’s teaching (upon one’s faith, he repents of his sins, makes a confession of his faith in Jesus as God’s Son, and is baptized in water for the forgiveness of his sins). Instead of teaching and practicing one is baptized to show he has been saved (as so many in the denominational world teach) to instead do (and teach) what is right. Sadly, even those of our own number have begun to teach denominational doctrines regarding how we are saved.

We certainly have a problem with language in our society. Many have forgotten (or ignored) that we will be judged by what we say.

Jesus said, “But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned” (Mat. 12:36-37). God’s name is always to be held in reverence and respect and should never be used in a profane way. Yet, profanity laced speech is commonly heard today, and sometimes those using the profanity are professed Christians. Many Christians who would never think of using profanity think nothing of using euphemisms (a euphemism is one word taking the place of another) in the place of the profanity. Slowly we have been conditioned by the movies, television, and society to accept and use gutter language. While this type of crass language is not taking the Lord’s name in vain, it is still just as wrong. Paul wrote, “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers” (Eph. 4:29). It is our obligation to speak what is true and right. Again Paul writes, “Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man” (Col. 4:6). In our speaking, “just do right.”

We should always do what is right regarding our worship. We have the responsibility to gather together in worship to God. Elders have set certain times for us to fulfill this responsibility. When those times come around, we need to “just do right.” That is, we need to be with the saints worshipping God. When it comes to those acts through which we worship God (yes, God authorizes the acts of worship contrary to what some believe and teach and they are just as important as is the heart or attitude of the worshiper), when someone tries to change and alter them, we need to “just do right.” There are those who have added mechanical instruments of music to what God authorized, we must not use them and we must oppose them. Some not going so far as to add mechanical instruments to our worship have changed from singing (which God authorized) to humming, clapping, using one’s voice as an instruments, using praise teams, and other such innovations, we must “just do right” and refuse to engage in such actions and oppose them. The same could be said of every aspect of our worship to God. There are those who will try to pervert what God has authorized, but we

must “just do right” and oppose those who make unauthorized changes to the God established worship.

We need to stand for the one church that Christ established and of which He is the head. Denominations have long attacked the one true church (which we expect). There are those within the church who no longer understand the uniqueness of the Lord’s church and they fail to recognize His headship. Many have tried to make the Lord’s church simply another denomination (which it is not and never will be). Each and every Christian should stand against those who would so attack the church; it is the right thing to do.

Denominationalism has also altered what God established regarding the organization of the church. They haggled to the point they set up a universal bishop claiming he, instead of Christ, was the head of the church. The protestant movement was not much better in they simply made each congregation a one-man rule. God established a plurality of men in each congregation to oversee the affairs of the local congregation. There are those who practice things contrary to that oversight God established (refusing to submit to the bishops, one-man rule in the eldership, elder reevaluation/reaffirmation, et al.). We need to “just do right” regarding those bishops of the local congregation and our submission to them.

Fellowship was a problem in the first century. There were those who refused fellowship to those whom they should have been fellowshiping (3 John 9-10), and fellowshiping those whom they should not have fellowshiped (1 Cor. 5). We face the same type of problems today in the church. We are to fellowship those who are in fellowship with God and refuse fellowship to those who are not in fellowship with Him. We are going to be faced with individuals who are not in fellowship with God (based upon God’s Word), we must simply “just do right.” The influence, power, money, or no other reason is worth fellowshiping someone who is not in fellowship with God. In view of eternity, it is not worth it so “just do right.”

~Michael Hatcher