

## Prayer List

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

## The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, December 28	18/19/10	
	Wednesday, December 31		—
Offering	Sunday, December 28	\$1372.00	

## Those Serving

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Prayer before Sunday Class Barry Simmons

### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & First Prayer	Kevin Felker
Songs	Keith Kever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	David Snyder
Contribution	Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer	Terry Hurst

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

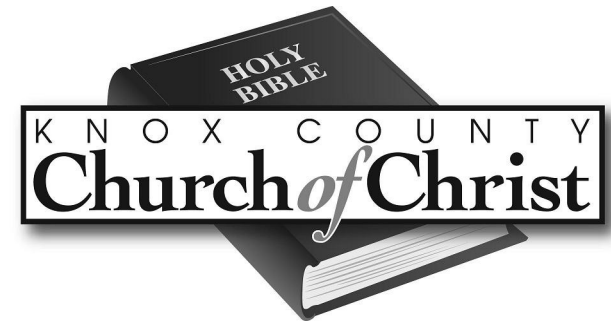
First Prayer	Keith Kever
Songs	Kevin Felker
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

### Wednesday Night

Songs	David Snyder
First Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Devotional	Terry Hurst
Closing Prayer	Barry Simmons

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### Meeting Location:

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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 Preachers Pen*

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“The Salvation and  
1 Peter 1”

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*[This article is written by brother Charles Pogue, and appeared in the November 26, 2012 issue of The Beacon, A Publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]*

No one giving close attention to the reading of 1 Peter 1 can miss the apostle’s obvious discussion of salvation. Four points regarding the salvation that is available through Christ can be made from this chapter.

The reservation of salvation (1:1-9). Christians are the elect of God, and Peter, points to the inheritance in heaven that is incorruptible, undefiled, and does not fade away. That inheritance is reserved in heaven for those who through the power of God are kept through faith unto salvation. Even though we face fiery trials, heaven will result in unspeakable joy and glory.

**The revelation of salvation (1:10-12).** The prophets of the Old Testament inquired into the salvation that would be revealed in the Gospel. Although they did not live in the time when the mystery of God would be fully revealed, the great prophets such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, and Joel had glimpses into the salvation and the kingdom into which the subjects of salvation would be ushered into from the power of the darkness and bondage of sin. That salvation, Peter tells us is “now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you” (1:12).

**The regulation of salvation (1:13-17).** The salvation that is available to all men requires sobriety, obedience, not fashioning ourselves according to the former lusts, and holiness. It

requires those things because one day we will all stand before the judgment bar of God where we all, without respect of persons, will be judged according to our works. Consequently, Peter writes: “pass the time of your sojourning *here* in fear” (1:17b).

The restoration of salvation (1:18-25). God made man pure and free from sin, but all men beginning with the very first one, Adam, has sinned. The only exception to that was Jesus Christ. The bad news is that sin separates man from God. The good news is that Christ shed His perfect blood to redeem men from sin. That blood washes away sin and purifies the soul when one obeys the truth out of a pure heart. Peter refers to this in the same manner that Jesus did with Nicodemus. It is being “born again.” The saved are born again by the Word of God. Everything in this world will have its end. Just as the grass withers and the flowers fade, the heavens will pass away with a great noise, the earth will be burned up, even down to the very elements, that will melt with fervent heat (2 Pet. 3:10). Men are born, they live, and they die. Those things which we see, such as furniture made from the most enduring woods, and even gold which fire actually purifies, will be destroyed. The material world is not eternal. The Word of God by which, through obedience, we obtain the salvation which the prophets of old inquired into, and that Jesus brought into reality, will never pass away. Peter was there when the Lord Himself stated that His words would not pass away (Mat. 24:35).

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## Welcome Visitors

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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.

Thus, Peter writes about the reservation, the revelation, the regulation, and the restoration of salvation in this opening chapter of his first epistle. Peter will return somewhat to the subject of salvation in the third chapter, verse 21, of this epistle where he points out the proper place that baptism holds in God’s plan to save man. Considering the redemption by Christ’s blood and purifying of the soul through obedience, 1 Peter 3:21 makes it plain that the obedience involves baptism, of which the apostle says, “doth also now save us.”

Salvation in Christ is available to all. Let us tell others of that salvation, relating to them the Gospel that has been reported, and that will save men as long as this world stands!

– Charles Pogue

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## The Gospel Plan of Salvation

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- 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)