

Prayer List

Marc Genua, Eleanor Green, Michelle Grimm, Virgil Hale, Betty Harama, Gordon Hatcher, Kenny Hughes, Evelyn Hunt, Brandi Kayla Keever, 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, Terry York

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, January 18	16/21/13
	Wednesday, January 21	—
Offering	Sunday, January 18	\$620.00

Those Serving

Prayer before Sunday Class Kevin Felker

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & First Prayer	David Snyder
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Terry Hurst
Contribution	Kevin Felker
Closing Prayer	Charles Hatcher

Sunday Afternoon Worship

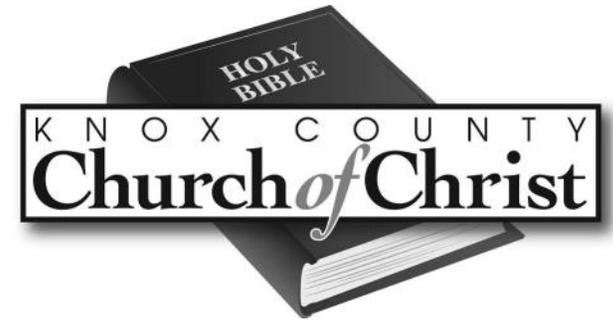
First Prayer	Tommy Sanders
Songs	<i>Singing</i>
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Terry Hurst
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

Wednesday Night

Songs	David Snyder
First Prayer	Kevin Felker
Devotional	Charles Hatcher
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

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Meeting Location:

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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



“THE CHURCH OF WHICH I AM A MEMBER”

[This article is written by brother David P. Brown, and appeared in the August 3, 1998 Beacon, A Publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]

I am a member of the church which Jesus promised to build; which promise He kept on the first Pentecost in the city of Jerusalem following His resurrection from the dead (Mat. 16:18; Acts 2:47). The church is the kingdom and the kingdom is the church, for the Lord used these terms interchangeably in His promise to build the singular institution of the saved (Mat. 16:18-19). This is the church that He purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:38); thereby signifying her worth. Who would dare affirm that the precious blood of Christ was shed for an unnecessary institution? References to that church abound in the book of Acts and the letters of the New Testament (Acts 5:11; 9:31; 1 Cor. 7:17; Gal. 1:2; 1 The. 1:1; Rev. 1:20).

The Lord’s church was perpetuated in the first century through the proclamation of the truth (Mark 16:15-16; Rom. 1:16; Luke 8:11; John 8:31-32; 17:17; Jude 3). In our day it continues to exist on the same basis. Hence, the institution of the saved is the “called out” (church) of God. The word church derives from the compound Greek word *ecclesia* (*ek*—“out of,” and *kaleo*—“to call”). Having, therefore, **heard** the Word of truth (Rom. 10:17) persons fully and freely **believe** in the

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Christ (John 8:24), **repent** of their sins (Acts 17:30), **confess** their faith in Christ (Rom. 10:9-10), and are **baptized** into Christ to obtain the remission of their sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:26-27; Col. 2:12; 1 Pet. 3:21). Being thereby united with the Lord they are children of God and partakers of the divine nature (1 Tim. 3:15; 2 Pet. 1:4). *Thus, the church is a body of penitent baptized believers, called out from the world of sin, over which Christ reigns as head.*

The Church Is “A Body”

This body is alive and consists of members (1 Cor. 12:27). The Lord Himself is its head (Eph. 1:22). As there is but one head, so there is but one body (Eph. 4:4, 15). Therefore, the denominational concept of the church is totally foreign to the church of which one reads in the New Testament. The bizarre grotesque picture of one head over a multiplicity of bodies could only develop in the fertile imagination of persons not content with the description of the body of Christ in the New Testament.

The Church Is A Body “Of Baptized Believers”

Only persons mature enough to understand the gospel, have faith formed in them by that gospel, who are capable of repenting of their sins, able to confess Christ, and freely submit to Christ in baptism are members of the church of Christ (Acts 2:38, 47; 5:14; Eph. 1:22-23). These are they who have manifested their love of and faith in God, Christ, and the gospel in obedience to the same (Rom. 6:17-18; Heb. 5:9; Jam. 2:17). Thus, there are no babies in the Lord’s church (Mat. 18:3).

The Church Is A Body Of Baptized Believers “Called Out”

The gospel calls accountable persons out of the world of sin (2 The. 2:14). Christians are not of the world (John 15:9). They must not love it nor have fellowship with it (1 John 2:15; Eph. 5:11). “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you, And will be a Father

unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty” (2 Cor 6:17-18).

The Church Is A Body Of Baptized Believers, Called Out From The World, “Over Which Christ Reigns As Head”

Of the preeminence of Christ Paul writes, “For by him were all things created...And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. **And he is the head of the body, the church:** who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in **all things** he might have the preeminence. For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell” (Col. 1:16-19). On more than one occasion in the Scriptures the headship of Christ over the church is affirmed (Eph. 1:21-23; Col. 1:18). Hence, synods, conventions, councils, or conferences have no authority to legislate for the Christ. When they do so they usurp divine authority and rebel against our Lord’s will. Furthermore, we dare not allow our emotions or opinions to set aside or alter in any way the will of heaven. It is our Lord’s divine prerogative alone to direct the affairs of the church through “the perfect law of liberty” (Jam. 1:25) as well as enforce them.

Conclusion

In this day of disdain for “organized religion,” it is a shame that men (many in the Lord’s church) are not willing to reject man-made religions and accept, uphold, and propagate the religion of God, the New Testament church. However, since Cain men have sought to approach and worship God on their own terms (Gen. 4). Sadly, Cain’s descendants must suffer their forefathers fate. Men must set aside every vestige of their own wills and submit to the will of the Christ (the gospel) (Mat. 7:21-23). Those who so do will gain heaven (Mat. 25:34-40). Those who do not will forever suffer separation from God in a devil’s hell (Mat. 24:41-46; 2 The. 1:8-9; Rev. 21:8).

- David P. Brown