

## Prayer List

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

### The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, February 22	18/23/19
	Wednesday,	<i>no service</i>
Offering	Sunday, February 22	\$1593.00

### Those Serving

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Prayer before Sunday Class Terry Hurst

#### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & First Prayer	Tommy Sanders
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Barry Simmons
Contribution	David Snyder
Closing Prayer	Kevin Felker

#### Sunday Afternoon Worship

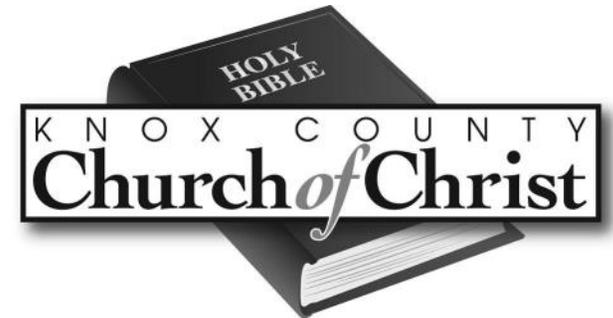
First Prayer	Terry Hurst
Songs	Kevin Felker
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

#### Wednesday Night

Songs	David Snyder
First Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Devotional	Keith Keever
Closing Prayer	Brad Green

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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



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**“A STRONG CHURCH”**

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*[The following article was written by Dub McClish, preacher for the Northpoint Church of Christ in Denton, TX, and was found on his website, [www.scripturecache.com](http://www.scripturecache.com)]*

“Be strong in the Lord” (Eph. 6:10) applies to individuals and churches alike. Assuming that we all want the church to be strong, what are (and are not) these sources of strength?

**Large Numbers?** No. Israel fell under this spell and suffered for it dearly (Deu. 7:7; 2 Sam. 24; Jud. 7:2). There is neither vice nor virtue in large or small numbers. There is spiritual strength in a large number only when the people are the right kind of people. Without a doubt, the Lord wants his congregations to grow and He wants **all** men to be saved (1 Tim. 2:4). However, large numbers do not equal a strong church.

**Riches?** No. Laodicea made the mistake of resting on and trusting in her material wealth (Rev. 3:17). There is neither virtue nor vice in poverty or riches. Spiritual strength is not bought with money, either for individuals or churches. Wealth is a source of spiritual strength only when it is in spiritual hands. Some strong churches have little wealth. The tendency is for wealth to corrupt its possessors, whether individuals, congregations, or schools.

**Earthly Wisdom?** No. Even if the education level in a congregation is very high, this would say nothing of the level of spiritual strength. There is a temptation, as one advances in his education, to disdain those who have not done so. This conceit often leads men to disdain God’s Word, also. Unless it is used to glorify

God, worldly education and wisdom rob the church of strength and destroy it.

**Community “Image”?** No. Some think that to have several members among the socially elite and the business community makes it strong. Some would even compromise the Truth to gain positive “image.” However, the church can be very strong while being spoken against and in spite of having few or no members who are mighty and noble after the flesh (Acts 28:22; 1 Cor. 1:26).

**A Fine Church Building?** No. Strong churches existed long before any fine church buildings were built. A building should befit the great work of the church that meets in it and the great God it serves, but the building is not the church. A building is not a correct barometer of the strength or weakness of the church it houses.

**Spiritual Values and Qualities?** Absolutely! The nature and work of the church are spiritual from beginning to end (Mat. 28:18–20; Luke 17:20–21;

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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)

19:10; John 18:36; Rom. 14:17). Its strength is found in the spiritual fruit of its members (Gal. 5:22–23). It is strong only as its members recognize their alien status on earth and separate themselves from the world (John 17:14–17; Rom. 12:1–2; Eph. 5:11; et al.). The power of the Lord through His Word is the source of strength for His church (Eph. 6:10–17).

*– Dub McClish*

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**The church of Christ**

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- ✓ Built by Jesus Christ
  - Matthew 16:18
- ✓ Purchased by Jesus Christ
  - Acts 20:28
- ✓ Established on the first Pentecost after the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ
  - Acts 2:38
  - Acts 2:41
  - Acts 2:47
- ✓ Jesus is the Head
  - Colossians 1:18
- ✓ The Bible is her only doctrine
  - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
  - Jude 3
  - 2 Peter 1:3
- ✓ God adds those being saved to the church
  - Acts 2:47
  - Mark 16:16
- ✓ Jesus will present the church to His Father
  - Ephesians 5:27
- ✓ There is only one church
  - Matthew 16:18
  - Ephesians 4:4
  - Ephesians 1:22-23