

Prayer List

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

- Tim Smith of Dothan, AL is in the hospital with pneumonia.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, March 1	/	/	
	Wednesday, March 4			
Offering	Sunday, March 1			\$

Those Serving

Prayer before Sunday Class Barry Simmons

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & First Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	David Snyder
Contribution	Tommy Sanders
Assisting	Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	Terry Hurst

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:

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



“PLAN AHEAD”

[This article is written by brother Ken Chumbley, and appeared in the January 5, 2015 Beacon, A Publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL. Brother Chumbley passed away eight days ago. “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord...their works follow them” (Rev 14:13). What a blessing for us to have access to the works of those who have gone on before.]

Some time ago, I saw on a bulletin board the following statement: “Plan ahead. When Noah started to build the ark, it hadn’t even started to rain!”

There is significance to that statement in at least two different ways, one of which was probably not in the mind of the individual who originally came up with the statement. When God first commanded Noah to build the ark, there is no evidence that it had ever even rained before; in fact, the indications are that it had never rained. The second way, the one we would probably think of first is that when God commanded Noah to build the ark, it was not raining and did not until the ark was completed according to God’s design. Indeed, that rain did not come for approximately 100 years while the ark was being prepared and Noah was preaching (Gen. 6, 7; 1 Pet. 3:19-21). That length of time would also indicate that the first way is correct, that it had never rained.

Now, let us think about this. Noah had not seen rain, yet God had told him He would bring a flood of waters upon the earth. Where would all that water come from? I am sure that from where Noah stood he would have looked around and not been able to see where such a vast amount of water would come from, but Noah did not hesitate. Indeed, he “planned

ahead” as he set out on the task of building the ark according to the pattern that God had given unto him. We know also that he believed what God had told him, and, as a “preacher of righteousness” (2 Pet. 2:5), he pleaded with the people of his day to turn from their wickedness. We know that only eight souls were saved (1 Pet. 3:20) and that they were just his one family. However, Noah did not flinch at the magnitude of his task in building the ark and preaching to the people to repent but went about faithfully doing the Lord’s will. Truly, he planned ahead and he did so because of his faith in God and his trust in His promises (Heb. 11:7).

Are we planning ahead? God has forewarned us of a judgment to come (Acts 24:25; Mat. 24:31-36; 2 The. 1:7-10; etc.). He has also granted us a way of salvation, as He granted to the wicked in the days of Noah. Noah had built the ark of safety but only eight entered into the ark and were saved from the flood that destroyed the earth. God, in providing the way of salvation through Christ, has provided for us an ark of safety. That ark of safety is the church that our Lord suffered, bled, and died for—the church which He purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:28).

Are we planning ahead? When our Lord returns will we be found in the ark of safety, the Lord’s church? Only those in the ark in the days of Noah were saved from the destruction of the flood. Only those who are in the ark of safety, the blood-bought church of Christ, will be saved from the judgment that is to come. Do not be caught outside of the ark of safety when the Lord returns. Respond in obedience to the Gospel today that you may enter into the ark of safety.

~ Ken Chumbley

Welcome Visitors

We’re glad you are with us today. Feel free to ask us any questions you may have. We look forward to getting 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!

