

## Prayer List

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Boyd Adkins, 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, Susan Vaigneur, Jana Ward, Andria Hurst Wood

- Amy Headrick is in Fort Sanders hospital. They believe she recently had a heart attack. She is also having kidney issues.

### The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, May 17	16/20/16
	Wednesday, May 20	26
Offering	Sunday, May 17	\$986.00

### Those Serving

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Prayer before Sunday Class                      Kevin Felker

#### Sunday Morning Worship

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

#### Sunday Afternoon Worship

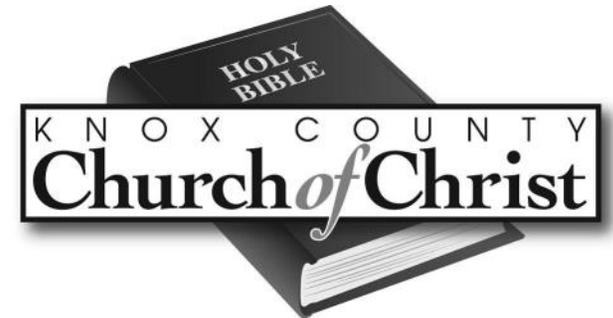
First Prayer	Tommy Sanders
Songs	Kevin Felker
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Terry Hurst
Closing Prayer	Keith Keever

#### Wednesday Night

Songs	Kevin Felker
First Prayer	Barry Simmons
Devotional	Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

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**May 24, 2015**



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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



**“WHAT SAITH THE  
SCRIPTURES?”**

*[This article is written by brother Harrell Davidson, and appeared in the January 11, 2010 Beacon, A Publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]*

I have received the following question by way of the Internet when I wrote a column in *The Gospel Preceptor* where this question was submitted. It is a thought provoking question.

**The Question**

In Daniel 2:36 begins the interpretation of the king's dream of the great image. Question: does this dream foretell that there shall be no world empire after the divided Roman kingdom/empire?

**Answer**

We must remember the dream of King Nebuchadnezzar wherein he dreamed of the monstrosity of a being, but he could not remember the dream and he did not know the interpretation. Daniel was a prisoner in Babylon at the time and his name was taken to the king explaining that he (Daniel) could tell what the dream was and give the interpretation of the dream. Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar of five kingdoms. Yes, we are aware that it is normally said that there were four kingdoms, but that is incorrect.

The first four kingdoms were all similar but had some peculiarities. In these four kingdoms the strongest kingdom would be Babylon. A lesser kingdom would rise up and conquer Babylon and that kingdom would be the Medo-Persian kingdom. After this kingdom, really under the rule of Persia, there would arise a weaker kingdom that would overtake and conquer it. The third kingdom was that of

Alexander of Macedonia (the great). Alexander would begin to rule the world in about 331 b.c. The fourth empire that would start to rule over the world was the divided Roman Empire. Each of these was similar in that each was weaker than the one that was conquered. They were peculiar in that each ruler reacted somewhat differently.

The background is that Israel and Judah had gone into captivity never to return as the mighty force they once were. They would never be a nation again because they had failed to glorify God.

The fifth kingdom that Daniel saw was the kingdom of the Lord that would have its beginning in Jerusalem (cf. Isa. 2:3; Acts 2). The first four kingdoms were physical; the latter is spiritual. Under the power and sway of the Roman Empire our Lord was born and was crucified under Roman law, but His kingdom, nonetheless began under the rule of the mighty Romans. They could not stop it. The physical Roman Empire tried to destroy Christianity and totally failed though, by some accounts, two million Christians perished while Rome tried to stamp out the Lord's people. When we walk through the Catacombs in Rome we are told that there are six hundred miles of tunnels under the city where Christians lived and were buried as they were persecuted. It is also said that Nero would light the streets of Rome at night with the bodies of burning Christians. Polycarp, a convert of and disciple of John, was burned at the stake and could have saved his life if he would denounce Christ. He refused and died at the stake without a blindfold because he refused it. He was not ashamed of the Gospel and was willing to die for it. This kingdom did not take up arms and fight a physical battle. Christianity, the Lord's church will stand forever until it is delivered up to the Father (cf. 1 Cor. 15:24). The "stone" that

Nebuchadnezzar saw (cf. Dan. 2:45) would grow into a mighty bedrock that could not be destroyed by any empire or earthly kingdom.

Daniel's prophesy did not indicate that there would not be other empires or kingdoms. The United States defended a rather small empire a few years ago known as Kuwait. Other kingdoms or empires exist, but the main point is, that in the end of time all the empires or kingdoms of men will have fallen, but the Lord's church will continue until the end of the world. The answer to the question obviously is no since we have had and do have other empires and kingdoms presently in our world. This being the case, if Daniel had said that no other empires/kingdoms would exist then his prophecy would be false and he would be found to be a false prophet.

— *Harrell Davidson*

**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)