

Prayer List

Marc Genua, Eleanor Green, Virgil Hale, Betty Harama, Gordon Hatcher, Amy Headrick, Dennis Hogan, Kenny Hughes, Evelyn Hunt, Magaly Orozco, Herbert and Jean Palmer, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Keith Russell, Dolores Snyder, Sam Teasley, Jana Ward, Andrea Hurst Wood, Mary York

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, August 9	20/22/17
	Wednesday, August 12	20
Offering	Sunday, August 9	\$557.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Class David Snyder

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & First Prayer Terry Hurst
 Songs Kevin Felker
 Sermon Brad Green
 Lord's Supper Tommy Sanders
 Contribution John Bagwell
 Assisting Levy Cox
 Closing Prayer Charles Hatcher

Sunday Afternoon Worship

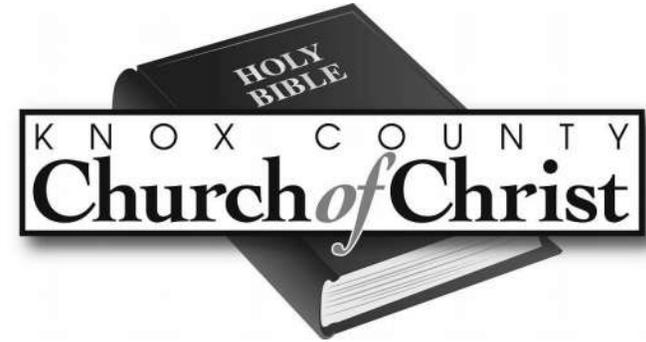
First Prayer John Bagwell
 Songs David Snyder
 Sermon Brad Green
 Lord's Supper Tommy Sanders
 Closing Prayer Terry Hurst

Wednesday Night

Songs Keith Kever
 First Prayer Barry Simmons
 Devotional Brad Green
 Closing Prayer Donald Shipley

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 130 Mabry Hood Road
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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



From The Preacher's Pen

“ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD (Part 3)”

[This article was written by Bruce Stulting, and appeared in the July 20, 2015 Beacon, A Publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]

In previous articles, it was demonstrated that every Christian must abound in the work of the Lord. Paul stated:

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58).

Furthermore, the Christian needs the deepest commitment and the strongest conviction to develop the steadfastness and immovability that is necessary to accomplish the Lord's work. This article will deal with the constancy and fervor of the work of the Christian.

Always implies constancy in the Christian's work. *Always* is a word that is repeatedly used in association with the Christian religion. It could be said that the religion of Christ is the religion of always. Through the New Testament, Christians are admonished: (1) Always let your speech be with grace (Col. 4:6), (2) Always rejoice in the Lord (Phi. 4:4), (3) Always obey (2:12), and (4) Always be ready to give an answer (1 Pet. 3:15). To work "always" means to "be instant in season, out of season" (2 Tim. 4:2). Spasmodic service is not acceptable to the Lord.

Always means six days a week plus Sunday (Sunday only is no good). *Always* means working when you are watched and praised and when your work goes unseen and without praise. *Always*

means Sunday morning worship as well as Sunday evening worship and Wednesday Bible class. It means supporting special events like Gospel Meetings, VBS, etc. *Always* means never looking back or giving up. "And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). In short, *Always* means every day for the rest of your life. Those who lack constancy in Christian service are not dependable.

Abounding implies the fervor of the Christian's work. The Greek word translated *abounding* is an interesting study. It comes from the word *perisseuo* meaning, "to be over and above; excel." It is used of exceeding others. Jesus said that one's righteousness must exceed that of the Pharisees to enter heaven (Mat. 5:20). It is used of exceeding the minimum requirements. The prodigal son's father gave his servants more food to spare (Luke 15:17). It is used of exceeding what was done in the past. When questioned by Pilate, the foolish Jews "cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him" (Mark 15:14).

Christian service must be abounding service. Such service must be offered willingly. The eleventh hour men in the parable of the laborers illustrate this point (Mat. 20:1-16). Abounding service is not slothful, but fervent service (Rom. 12:11). The idea here is being heated to a boil. Abounding service is from the heart. There are too many men-pleasers. The Lord desires servants who do the will of God from the heart (Eph. 6:6). Abounding service demands that God and His Kingdom be placed first (Mat. 6:33). Those who are not constant in the Lord's work are taking a chance on their eternal salvation.

Those who lack constancy may be hot, cold, or even lukewarm. Jesus rebuked the church at Laodicea:

I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth (Rev. 3:15-16).

Christians are "created in Christ Jesus unto good works" (Eph. 2:10). Jesus died "that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Tit. 2:14). Are you abounding in the work of the Lord?

--Bruce Stulting

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!



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