

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 16	21/27/23
	Wednesday, August 19	19
Offering	Sunday, August 16	\$776.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Class John Bagwell

Sunday Morning Worship

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

Sunday Afternoon Worship

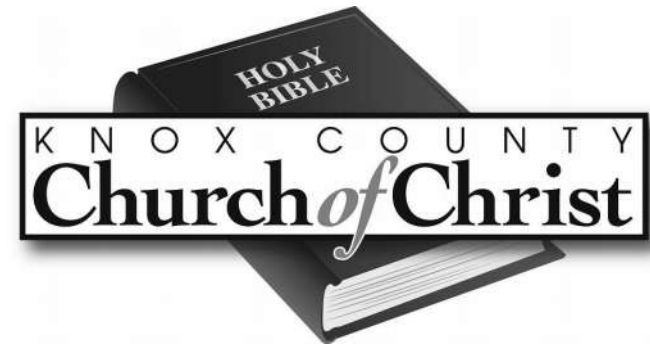
First Prayer Terry Hurst
Songs David Snyder
Sermon Brad Green
Lord's Supper Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer Donald Shipley

Wednesday Night

Songs Keith Kever
First Prayer Terry Hurst
Devotional Charles Hatcher
Closing Prayer Kevin Felker

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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 4)”

[This article was written by Bruce Stulting, and appeared in the July 27, 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. We continued our study with a discussion of the constancy and fervor that is necessary to accomplish this work. This final article will deal with the nature of the work and motives for doing it.

The primary motive given by Paul is the final resurrection. Paul introduces the command to work with *therefore* which connects this command with the preceding verses. The entire chapter is devoted to a discussion of the resurrection and immortality. Paul is encouraging his readers to “always abound in the lord of the

Lord” in view of the fact that there will be a life beyond this one. In death, one will rest from their labors, knowing that their work will follow them even in death (Rev. 14:13).

The future life is reason for all to abound in the work of the Lord. This future life is tied to the final judgment. *Forasmuch* introduces the day of reckoning. All must stand before God and give an account (2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:12). It will also be a day of punishment and reward (Mat. 25:46). Knowing that our labor for the Lord is not in vain is strong incentive to work. Our work outside of Christ is vain and will be consumed with fire at the end of time (2 Pet. 3:10). However, God's Word gives the Christian the certainty of the reward for their labors for Christ.

The work under consideration in our text is the Lord's own work. The Christian is to take up the cause of Christ and continue the Work that He started. In His own words, “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10). This is the work that He has commanded us to do and for which He receives the glory and honor that is His due. To work for the Lord means to do God's will (Mat. 7:21-23). Like Jesus, the Christian's “meat” must be to do the will of God and finish the work that Jesus started (John 4:34). To work for the Lord means to honor and glorify Him (Phi. 1:20).

The work of the Lord includes evangelism (Mark 16:16; Rom. 1:16). The Christian must be about the work of proclaiming Christ and His salvation to the lost. Also, the work of the Lord includes benevolence. This means that, as opportunity and circumstances permit, the Christian is to share with those who are less fortunate. This benevolence is not limited to saints only, but to be extended to all men (Gal. 6:10). Finally, the work of the Lord involves edification. Each Christian

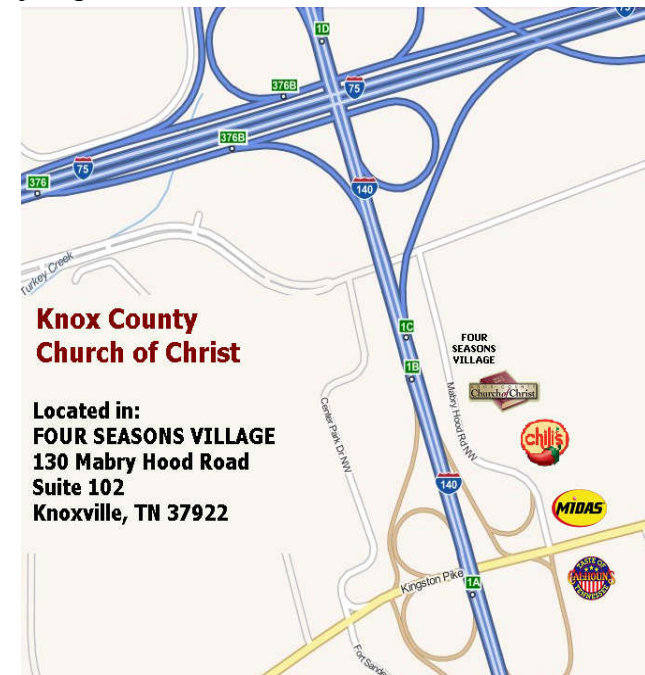
has the obligation to encourage and build up their brothers and sisters in Christ. This is accomplished through study, worship, visitation, etc. (Eph. 4:12).

Paul encouraged Timothy, “Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee” (1 Tim. 4:16). Abounding in the work of the Lord means happiness here and heaven hereafter. In order to reap the reward, one must do the work. So, “let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not” (Gal. 6:9).

--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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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.