

## Prayer List

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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

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Attendance	Sunday, August 30	19/23/19
	Wednesday, September 2	17
Offering	Sunday, August 30	\$846.00

### Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Class                      John Bagwell

#### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & First Prayer	Tommy Sanders
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Kevin Felker
Contribution	Barry Simmons
Assisting	Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	Terry Hurst

#### Sunday Afternoon Worship

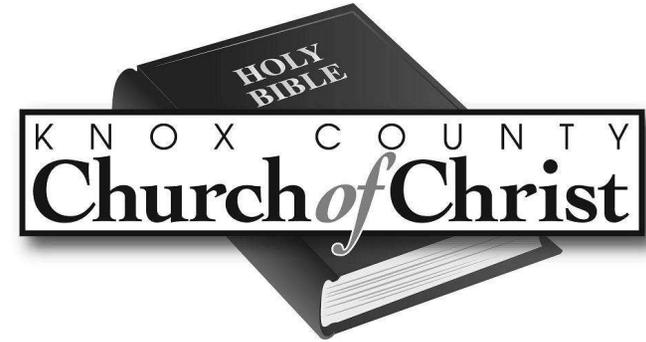
First Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Songs	Kevin Felker
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

#### Wednesday Night

Songs	Keith Keever
First Prayer	Terry Hurst
Devotional	John Bagwell
Closing Prayer	Tommy Sanders

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**September 6, 2015**



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**Meeting Location:**  
 130 Mabry Hood Road  
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 Knoxville, TN 37922  
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### Schedule of Services

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#### Sunday

Bible Study.....9:30 AM  
 Worship.....10:30 AM & 1:30 PM

#### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 PM



## ***From The Preacher's Pen***

**“WE LOOK AT THE THINGS WHICH ARE NOT SEEN”**

*[This article was written by Tim Smith, and appeared in the January 8, 2007 Beacon, A Publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]*

These familiar words are taken from Paul's third letter to the church at Corinth, the second of which we have record, and the intent of the penman is to encourage the brethren to fidelity in the midst of what was for them (as us) a most difficult life. The context is important, and so we offer it now: (It is a lengthy reading, but well worth the time and effort needed to read it.)

“For all things *are* for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal. For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in *this* tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life” (2 Cor. 4:15-5:4).

What does he say? He is teaching that what awaits us over in heaven is far greater than what we have here—so much so as to make us long for it. Notice: “not for that we would be unclothed”—what does this mean? Is he not saying that we desire to be in heaven, not to be dead? Of course, we cannot be in heaven until after we die (or experience something like it at the final coming, cf. 1 Cor. 15). So Paul is saying that we do wish for heaven while not necessarily desiring death itself. But why? Why is that we so wish to be in heaven?

He tells us this also. This world is a hard place for the faithful of God to live! There is groaning and earnest desire and pain and burden and difficulty and temptation and grief and—well, you get the point. It is not that we are ill-suited for this world, just that of the two worlds the other offers far better accommodations for us. Paul spoke herein of the “light affliction”—he said that it is “but for a moment”—that is, not long in duration. But, in comparison to what? Certainly not in comparison to the whole of life, because for many the life lived in the flesh is mostly spent in suffering. In comparison to what, then? Eternity. What we have awaiting us in the after awhile is so grand and glorious and great and good (and you get the point) that whatever we suffer in this life will **then** seem as but a moment. In comparison with forever, 80 years is not even a drop in the bucket. In comparison with forever, 8,000 years is as nothing.

But until then the groaning and the earnest desires and the burdens and the temptations and

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the likes weigh us down and make our every move difficult. When we think of the reward and put it over against the path that must be taken to reach it we, like the inspired penman whose work we are considering, are made to long for it. It is as though we miss it—never having been there. That is natural. It is acceptable. It is even to be encouraged—provided we live and serve and actively endeavor to please Him Who dies for us and Who is our friend and beloved. We do long to be with Him. And we shall be with Him...someday. Heaven is a wonderful place, and I sure would like to meet you there someday. Until then, let us “look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen.” May God Bless You as You Study and Obey His Word.

*-- Tim Smith*

## **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!

