

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, September 6	20/22/19
	Wednesday, September 9	18
Offering	Sunday, September 6	\$1161.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Class Terry Hurst

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & First Prayer	Barry Simmons
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	John Bagwell
Contribution	Charles Hatcher
Assisting	Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	Keith Keever

Sunday Afternoon Worship

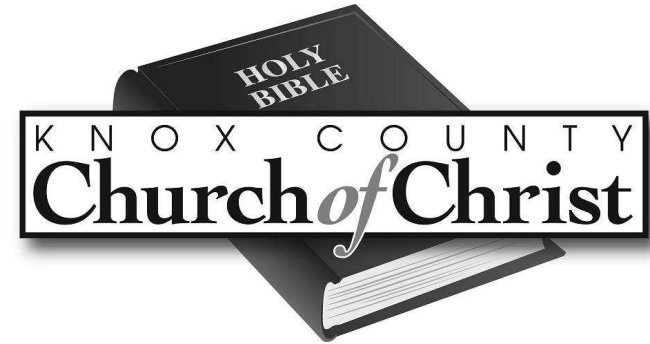
First Prayer	David Snyder
Songs	Kevin Felker
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	John Bagwell
Closing Prayer	Tommy Sanders

Wednesday Night

Songs	Keith Keever
First Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Devotional	Terry Hurst
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 PM



From The Preacher's Pen

"COME YE OUT..."

[This article was written by Marvin L Weir, and appeared in the January 29, 2007 Beacon, A Publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]

Christians are obligated to be "true to God" (Rom. 3:4). A follower of Christ must be the "salt of the earth" (Mat. 5:13). If a child of God does not possess the strength to be a preserving influence for the cause of Christ he is "good for nothing" (v. 13). A member of the Lord's church is to be the "light of the world" (v. 14). It does absolutely no good to possess light and then place it "under a bushel" (v. 15) so that it cannot be seen. A light that is hidden is of no benefit to the Lord or man!

Christians must ever be on guard to resist Satan's temptations to conform to this world (cf. Rom. 12:2). The devil will do his best to get you to follow the ways of the world. The cry that the faithful must take seriously is God calling, "Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate" (2 Cor. 6:17). Far too many times people want to go to Heaven without giving up evil and worldly influences. Many who profess to be in the Lord's army have such an aversion to being labeled as "**peculiar**" that they have lost the **distinction** of being God's people. Peter reminds those whose goal is heaven, "But ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for *God's* own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" (1 Pet. 2:9).

We live in a world where both the young and old practice deception on a daily basis. Many

members of the church have become far too comfortable with worldly habits. Some have become quite adept at pretending to be a "**new creature**" while refusing to give up the "**old things**" (2 Cor. 5:17). People need to take to heart the words of Paul that say, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth unto his own flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth unto the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life" (Gal. 6:7-8).

Every day people who live sinful lives are laid to rest in cemeteries with an inscription on their tombstone reading: "Asleep In Jesus." Some were more honest during the days of the Wild West. An inscription might read, "Here lies a horse thief who was hanged." Another might read, "Cattle rustler—shot to death." Why practice deception when both man and God know the truth?

If honesty were practiced, what would the inscription read on the monument erected in your memory? Would the epitaph read, "Here lies a thief?" What about one that says, "This woman was a liar!" One might say, "This man was an adulterer." Another inscription might read, "Here lies a lover of pleasure instead of a lover of God." Another epitaph might say, "This family loved the praise and approval of men more than the praise and approval of God." There is no need to practice deception because God knows the truth.

As a Christian, you can choose how the epitaph in regard to your life will read. While we are alive, we choose how we will be remembered after we have departed this life. Our lives will either be an influence for the cause of Christ or an influence for the devil. It is an either/or choice that we make—there is no middle ground (Mat. 12:30). How will the epitaph read that God

inscribes on your permanent record?

Consider these Bible examples of godly folks whose chose to live lives that continue to be an influence for good. Their epitaphs could read as follows: (1) Here lies Noah who found grace in the eyes of God (Gen. 6:8). (2) Abraham, a man who was willing to leave behind family and friends to do God's bidding (Gen. 12:1). (3) Here lies Moses who chose God and His people over the Pharaoh and the world's riches (Heb. 11:24-27). (4) Joshua, a man who chose to be a true soldier of the cross (Num. 14:7-9). (5) Joseph, a man who chose to flee from sin's grasp when invited to commit adultery (Gen. 39:12). (6) Here lies Saul of Tarsus (Paul) who was willing to admit he was wrong (Gal. 1:13-14).

As a member of the Lord's church we have an obligation to refuse unacceptable behavior, attitudes, dress, and relationships that undermine good influence. Can people tell that you are a Christian by your speech? Do you dress any differently than worldly people dress? Does your appearance depict one who has renounced the world and its worldly ways? All children of God should remember the apostle Paul's words to Timothy. Paul said, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an ensample to them that believe, in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, in purity" (1 Tim. 4:12).

The faithful child of God must resist the beckoning call of worldly temptations and be separate from them. Let us choose carefully the epitaph that will become our legacy after our death.

--Marvin L Weir

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