

## 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, September 13 23/25/18  
Wednesday, September 16 17  
Offering Sunday, September 13 \$1046.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Class Tommy Sanders

### Sunday Morning Worship

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

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

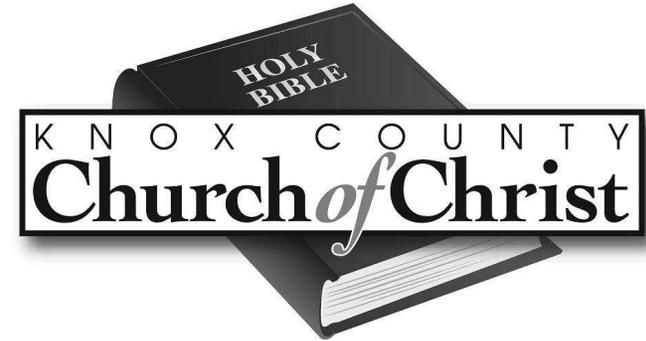
First Prayer Terry Hurst  
Songs Kevin Felker  
Sermon Brad Green  
Lord's Supper Keith Keever  
Closing Prayer Donald Shipley

### Wednesday Night

Songs John Bagwell  
First Prayer David Snyder  
Devotional Barry Simmons  
Closing Prayer Charles Hatcher

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**Meeting Location:**  
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## Schedule of Services

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### Sunday

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

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 PM



## From The Preacher's Pen

### "OUR AFFLICTION"

[This article was written by Richard Stevens III, and appeared in the February 5, 2007 Beacon, A Publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Cor. 4:17).

#### **Our Affliction**

Paul writing to the Corinthian brethren made the point that affliction, or suffering is something we all share: "our affliction." It is so easy when suffering to feel, and falsely conclude that it is just me. When Jezebel had ordered that all the prophets of the Lord be slain (1 Kin. 18:4, 13), Elijah concluded that he alone was in trouble, fleeing for his life (1 Kin. 18:22; 19:14). But God said, "Yet I have left *me* seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him" (1 Kin. 19:18). There is comfort and encouragement in knowing that others suffer faithfully the same afflictions that we do (1 Pet. 5:9; Acts 14:22; 2 Tim. 3:12). For if they with God's help can overcome, so can we!

#### **Welcome Visitors**

Thank you for visiting with us today. If you have any questions about anything said or done during our worship service, please feel free to ask. Also, please take a moment to fill out one of our visitor's information cards and stick around after services so that we can get to know you better.

#### **Our Affliction Is Light**

Paul saying light, means suffering is not heavy. I know that you are asking what type of suffering is light? Understand, Paul is somewhat of an expert on the subject of suffering (2 Cor. 4:8-12; 11:23-28), and he not only calls his suffering light, but ours also. The late Thomas B. Warren, faithful Gospel preacher, writer, debater, and defender of the Truth once made a few inspiring observations under this point: He said suffering is light compared to what Jesus endured, suffering is light compared to what we really deserve, and suffering is light compared to the glories of heaven. So true, suffering really is light if we give it spiritual thought. Never forget that suffering has the inclination of driving us in the direction of our Lord (2 Cor. 12:7-10). That benefit alone minimizes our affliction as a "light thing."

#### **Our Affliction Is Just for a Moment**

All suffering seems like an eternity, like it just drags on forever and ever. But **all** suffering is just for a moment, or a very short time. Job said, "Man *that is* born of a woman *is* of few days, and full of trouble" (14:1). Even though life is full of affliction, it is just for a little while. "For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (Jam. 4:14). As a result, if we live for 250 years and suffer every single day, our suffering would have only been for a short time, because life on earth is only for a short time. What is a lifetime in the realm of eternity? Just a moment. So what is the length of our suffering during our lifetime to gain eternity? Just a moment.

#### **Our Affliction Works for Us an Eternal Weight of Glory**

It is so hard to see the bright side of suffering, and I doubt if anyone could without the Word of God. But through God's Word we see the importance, necessity, and benefits of suffering. Our Lord

suffered faithfully (Heb. 5:8; 1 Pet. 2:21), and its important for us to also learn how. Suffering through things faithfully makes us stronger, molding our character in the likeness of our Savior (1 Pet. 2:20-21; 4:16). "It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes" (Psa. 119:71). Suffering is the reason why many wayward brethren are restored. Was not suffering the fundamental reason why the prodigal son *came to himself*, and eventually back home? (Luke 15:11-24). Suffering also reminds us that this world is not our home and intensifies our longing for heaven! (2 Cor. 4:18-5:1; Heb. 13:14). Our affliction really is beneficial to us all!

--Richard Stevens III

#### **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!

