

## 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, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Keith Russell, Dolores Snyder, Sam Teasley, Jana Ward, Mary York

- Jesse Snyder is recovering after ankle surgery on Friday

## The Numbers

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Attendance    Sunday, September 20    19/23/18  
                    Wednesday, September 23    14  
Offering        Sunday, September 20    \$885.73

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Class            Barry Simmons

### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & First Prayer            Keith Keever  
Songs    John Bagwell  
Sermon    Brad Green  
Lord's Supper                                  Terry Hurst  
Contribution                                  Tommy Sanders  
Assisting                                        Levy Cox  
Closing Prayer                                 Barry Simmons

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

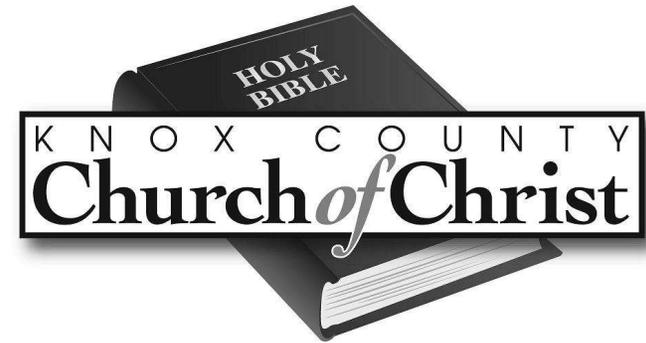
First Prayer                                    Tommy Sanders  
Songs    *Singing*  
Sermon    Brad Green  
Lord's Supper                                  Terry Hurst  
Closing Prayer                                 Charles Hatcher

### Wednesday Night

Songs    John Bagwell  
First Prayer                                    David Snyder  
Devotional                                      Tommy Sanders  
Closing Prayer                                 Donald Shipley

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**September 27, 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***

### **“RELATIONSHIPS AND RESPONSIBILITIES”**

*[This article was written by L. O. Sanderson, and appeared in the February 19, 2007 Beacon, A Publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]*

Life is filled with relationships, each of which commands, yea demands, particular responsibilities—a child is born into a family and this union requires obedience and honor to parents; this same child will soon enter school, and this new affiliation entails duties to teachers and fellow-students; after school days, he or she finds employment, and this compact demands service and loyalty to employer; then this same person marries, establishing an affinity that commands love, care, submission, cooperation, and faithfulness; and now, by using terms by which Christians are known (in the aggregate) let us take note of this principle in the religious fellowship and obligations.

#### **The church**

“Church” is from *ekklesia*, meaning called out. Now note: We are “called...out of darkness into...light” (1 Pet. 2:9), and we are obligated to “walk as children of light” (Eph. 5:8) and let our “light so shine before men” (Mat. 5:16) as a “light that shineth in a dark place” (2 Pet. 1:19). We “have been called unto liberty” (Gal. 5:13), from “bondage” to “glorious liberty” (Rom. 8:21)—we must “stand fast” therein (Gal. 5:1), nor fail to recognize the bounds of this freedom (1 Cor. 8:9; 1 Pet. 2:16). We are “called...unto holiness” (1 The. 4:7)—and this demands being “holy in all manner of conversation,” or behavior (1 Pet. 1:15-16), or “holy” in sacrificing self (Rom. 12:1). More can be cited, but these show that the “called out” must remain out, and bear

“fruit unto holiness” (Rom. 6:22), not again becoming entangled with worldly things (2 Pet. 2:20).

#### **The kingdom**

*Kingdom* is another term that describes God’s children (Mat. 16:18-19)—it denotes the kind of government; not a democracy, aristocracy, or oligarchy, but a monarchy, or king rule, and the church must not forget nor violate this universal arrangement. We are “delivered...from the power of darkness, and...translated...into the kingdom of” God’s “dear Son” (Col. 1:13)—hence, Christ is the “King of kings” (Rev. 17:14) and “our citizenship is in heaven” (Phi. 3:10—RV); we must “honor the king” (1 Pet. 2:17), pay “tribute to whom tribute *is due*” (Rom. 13:7), “Render...unto God the things that are God’s” (Mat. 22:21), and “lay up...treasures in heaven” (Mat. 6:20). It is the individual and combined duty to honor, be in subjection and make contribution to Christ’s cause as ordained.

#### **The family**

We are “born again” to enter the kingdom (John 3:3,5), and by the same process we become “children of God” (Gal. 3:26-27). We are “the household of faith” (Gal. 6:10), “the household of God” (Eph. 2:19), and, as a family, we bear the name of Christ (Eph. 3:15). We are, as children “heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ” (Rom. 8:17). This affiliation demands that we must “obey” the Father (Col. 3:20), yea “obey” and “honor” (Eph. 6:1-2). It is right; it pleases God; and is a command with promise (Eph. 6:3). The church, then, must obey the Lord in everything, and so live as to honor his name. The relationship demands it!

#### **The building**

“I will build,” said Christ (Mat. 16:18), indicating *church* as a building; hence, “*ye are God’s*

building” (1 Cor. 3:9), based on Christ (3:11), “in whom” we must be “fitly framed” (Eph. 2:21), to be “an holy temple” and God’s “habitation” (2:20-22), Christ being “over his own house” (Heb. 3:6). Our obligations? To “behave” (1 Tim. 3:15), to “hold fast” (Heb. 3:6), to grow “unto an holy temple” (Eph. 2:21). In God’s house there are many vessels (2 Tim. 2:20)—each must bear a part and serve well: there are bricks, boards, shingles, laths, nails, screws, mortar, etc., and minus either, the house is to that extent weakened. There must be unity and cooperation if progress and stability become reality. We have obligations to make the house as God would have it.

#### **The body**

“The body, the church” (Col. 1:18), “for his body’s sake, which is the church” (v. 24). Christ is the head (Eph. 1:22-23); and there is only “one body” (Eph. 4:4; Rom. 12:4-5; 1 Cor. 12:20). Christians are “members” of this “body” (Eph. 5:30; 1 Cor. 12:27)—and Paul parallels the spiritual body (1 Cor. 12:12-27). There is a place, need, and service for each part, whether weak or strong, honorable or less honorable, and the failure of any part saps the strength of the whole. There is “the same care one for another,” and each strives for unity and growth. Obligation rests on each member!

#### **Conclusion**

Like comparisons can be made on the flock, the bride, God’s husbandry, pillar and ground; the results are the same: where there is a relationship, there is a definite responsibility. We must perform the duty demanded or be lost eternally! May His church ever please the Lord!

*--L. O. Sanderson*

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## **Welcome Visitors!**

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