

## Prayer List

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Brian Carver, Marc Genua, 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

- Eleanor Green is doing well after her recent surgery.

## Good News!

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Christine Daniels was baptized into Christ last night. We rejoice, and pray God will bless her in His service!

## The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, November 1	18/21/18
	Wednesday, November 4	15
Offering	Sunday, November 1	\$760.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Class Terry Hurst

### Sunday Morning Worship

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

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

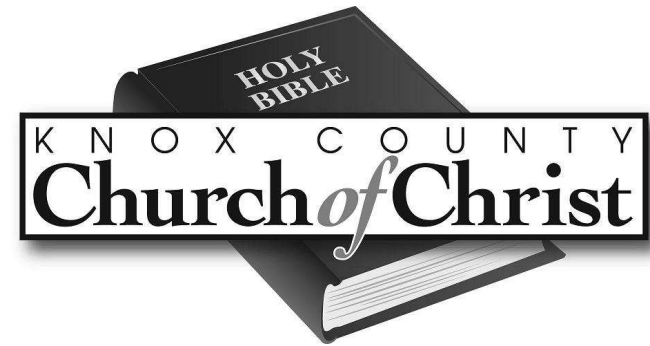
First Prayer	Barry Simmons
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Kevin Felker
Closing Prayer	Tommy Sanders

### Wednesday Night

Songs	John Bagwell
First Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Devotional	Terry Hurst
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

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**November 8, 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***

### **“BE WATCHFUL AND RESIST”**

*[This article by Dub McClish appeared in the September 24, 2007 Beacon, A Publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]*

The New Testament frequently urges vigilance toward things that would spiritually hinder us. One of the clearest of these warnings is from Peter:

Be sober, be watchful: your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom withstand stedfast in your faith, knowing that the same sufferings are accomplished in your brethren who are in the world (1 Pet. 5:8–9).

The word translated "sober" is a compound word, which means "do not drink or swallow down." It literally refers to a mind unclouded by strong drink, then metaphorically, to a mind uninfluenced by anything that would prevent clear thinking. When one thinks clearly he does not ignore danger, but is alert toward it. These actions are necessary because of the devil, our "adversary" (literally, a lawyer who argues the case against one in court). Devil means "false accuser." Thus, the Bible depicts the devil, by definition, as a lying lawyer who has prepared a false case against us. The book of Job so describes him (Job 1:6–12). As Peter described him above, he is also compared to a lion that ferociously roars because of a voracious appetite. He is seeking prey to devour (literally to "swallow down").

Although he can be loud, the devil sometimes subtly and quietly lays temptation before us or

introduces false doctrines and practices, "slipping up" on the gullible, ignorant, and immature (Eph. 4:14). However, Peter's warning seems to refer particularly to the frontal attacks of increasing persecution the brethren were suffering (1 Pet. 4:12). Again, the devil was doing this back in the days of Job (Job 1:7)—and he still is.

What were they to do concerning their foe? They were to resist his attacks by the only means at their disposal—steadfastness in the faith. Brethren, we must not compromise when we face ridicule and opposition, or even fiery trials and death (Rev. 2:10). Satan cannot ultimately devour us by physical harm or even death (Mat. 10:28). He will swallow us up only if we yield to fleshly lusts, compromise the Truth, or deny the Christ. We live in a day in which the pressures of Atheism, Humanism, immorality, sectarianism, theological liberalism, and even legislation are increasingly making the lot of faithful saints uncomfortable.

O so sadly, many preachers, elders, school administrators, and editors—and thousands in the pews—have refused to withstand the devil and have been devoured by him. What a short-range view of things such compromises represent. As long as we remain faithful to Christ, we are secure regardless of what the devil does to us. Let us also remember, when tried, that we are not by ourselves. Brethren all over the world are likewise persecuted, and always have been (2 Tim. 3:12).

*--Dub McClish*

### **Welcome Visitors**

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.

## **The Gospel Plan of Salvation**

- HEAR the word of God; the Bible (Romans 10:17)
- BELIEVE the word of God and that Jesus is Lord (John 8:24; Hebrews 11:6)
- REPENT of sin (Acts 17:30)
- CONFESS that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (Matthew 10:32-33)
- BE BAPTIZED in order to receive remission of sins (Acts 2:38); in order to have past sins washed away (Acts 22:16); in order to get into the body of Christ, the church (Romans 6:3-4; Acts 2:47); in order to be saved (Mark 16:15-16; 1 Peter 3:21)
- LIVE FAITHFULLY in accordance with God's word (1 John 1:6-9; Revelation 2:10)

## **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!

