

## Prayer List

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Brian Carver, 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

## Service Opportunities

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Anyone interested in service opportunities?

- We need more teachers for the children's class so we can start rotating teachers each quarter.
- We would like to start rotating the job of editing the bulletin.

## The Numbers

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Attendance Sunday, November 15 17/21/18  
Wednesday, November 18  
Offering Sunday, November 15 \$1099.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Class Terry Hurst

### Sunday Morning Worship

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

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

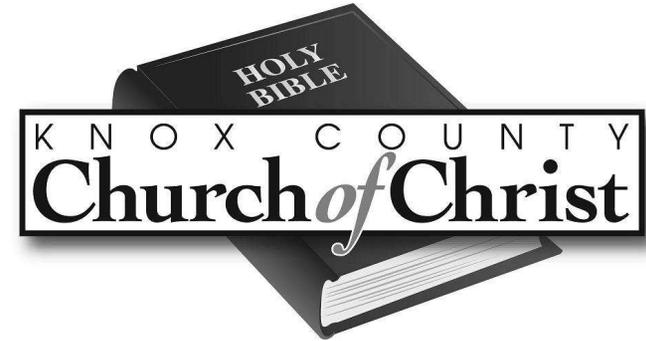
First Prayer Kevin Felker  
Songs John Bagwell  
Sermon Brad Green  
Lord's Supper Tommy Sanders  
Closing Prayer Keith Keever

### Wednesday Night

Songs David Snyder  
First Prayer Terry Hurst  
Devotional Brad Green  
Closing Prayer Donald Shipley

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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***

### **“ANTIPATHY AGAINST GOD”**

*[This article by Marvin L. Weir appeared in the October 22, 2007 Beacon, A Publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]*

The apostle Paul through the Holy Spirit describes so well the condition of so many minds today in saying, “the mind of the flesh is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can it be: and they that are in the flesh cannot please God” (Rom. 8:7-8). A mind such as Paul describes is concerned only with the material pleasures of this life and has no regard for spiritual matters. *Enmity* means “hatred or ill will.” A synonym for enmity is antipathy, and this word conveys the idea of repugnance, aversion, dislike, and “a desire to avoid or reject.” Paul does not, however, teach in Romans 8:7 the false doctrine of “hereditary total depravity” subscribed to by most denominations today. The “mind of the flesh” should not be twisted to teach that one is born with a depraved mind (cf. Eze. 18:20; Mat. 19:14). Paul refers to one whose mind submits to the carnal and fleshly rather than the fruit of the Spirit and the spiritual. Denominations today are more faithful to follow the erroneous teachings of men than the truthful teaching of God. Coffman proves this point in quoting John Murray’ commentary on Romans 8:7:

In the whole passage we have the biblical basis for the doctrines of total depravity and total inability... “Enmity against God” is nothing other than total depravity, and “cannot please God” nothing less than total inability (*Commentary on Romans*).

Coffman is correct in answering Murray’s erroneous comment in saying:

But, of course, the expressions cited by Murray refer to man’s mind, not as it was by the endowment of birth, but as it became through his rebellion against God. Paul’s teaching here corresponds exactly with that of Jesus regarding two masters (Matt 6:24). If one decides to serve one, he cannot serve the other; but in the teaching both of Paul and of Jesus, the question of the soul’s right to decide is never for an instant doubted. The impossibility of serving the other master cannot derive from any inborn condition, but it must always be viewed as the consequence of the soul’s decision to serve one or the other, that option being the only one that God has given people.

The carnal or fleshly mind can show antipathy against God by:

**Trifling with the name of God!** Speaking of God, the Bible says, “Holy and reverend is his name” (Psa. 111:9). God’s name is not to be used as an expression in an exclamation or as an utterance in time of excitement. More respect is demanded by most for their family name than for the name of God. The Psalmist manifests the correct attitude toward God in stating, “Let them praise the name of Jehovah; For his name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and the heavens” (Psa. 148:13).

**Neglecting the Word of God!** God’s Word is likened unto “a lamp unto my feet, And light unto my path” (Psa. 119:105). Man does not “live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” (Mat. 4:4). The Word of God has the power to save the soul (Jam. 1:21). The Word of God sanctifies (1 Tim. 4:5) and builds up the child of God (Acts 20:32). To accomplish such, however, the Word of God must be studied (2 Tim. 2:15—KJV). So many

today either reject or desire to avoid Bible truths, so they purposely do not study the Holy Scriptures! The Word of God is to be loved and not hated or despised. Neglect of Christ and His Word will cost one his soul (John 12:48).

**By scoffing at Christians and the church of Christ!** Christ shed His blood for His church (Acts 20:28), and yet many today scoff at the church of Christ while exalting man-made denominations. How is it that most people are convinced that the name Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, or Lutheran is scriptural (where is the Scripture) and the name church of Christ is man-made (Rom. 16:16)? A child of God is called a Christian in the Bible (Acts 11:26; cf. Acts 26:28; 1 Pet. 4:16) and not a Catholic, Mormon, Quaker, Nazarene, Episcopalian, Pentecostal, or such like!

The Bible does not reveal that God approves of **many** churches, and that God is happy when man becomes a member of **any** church. God does promise to uproot religious groups He has not authorized (Mat. 15:13). The Bible also declares there is but **one** church of which Jesus Christ is the head and Savior of the body (Eph. 4:4; 1:22-23; 5:23). One who obeys the Gospel plan of salvation (Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:6; Luke 13:3; Rom. 10:10; Acts 2:38) instead of man’s unscriptural plan of faith only (Jam. 2:24) is **added** to the church of Christ by the Lord (Acts 2:47).

*--Marvin L. Weir*

### **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.