

Prayer List

Brian Carver, Ginger Chestnut, Marc Genua, Eleanor Green, Virgil Hale, Betty Harama, Gordon Hatcher, Amy Headrick, Dennis Hogan, Peggy Hogan, Kenny Hughes, Evelyn Hunt, Magaly Orozco, Chris Ragle, Keith Russell, Dolores Snyder, Sam Teasley, Mary York

- Becky Ragle (Amanda's sister-in-law) is having surgery this morning to remove a tumor from her spinal column.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, January 24	19/20/19
	Wednesday, January 27	17
Offering	Sunday, January 24	\$881.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Class Kevin Felker

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & First Prayer David Snyder
Songs John Bagwell
Sermon Brad Green
Lord's Supper Keith Kever
Contribution Charles Hatcher
Assisting Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer Donald Shipley

Sunday Afternoon Worship

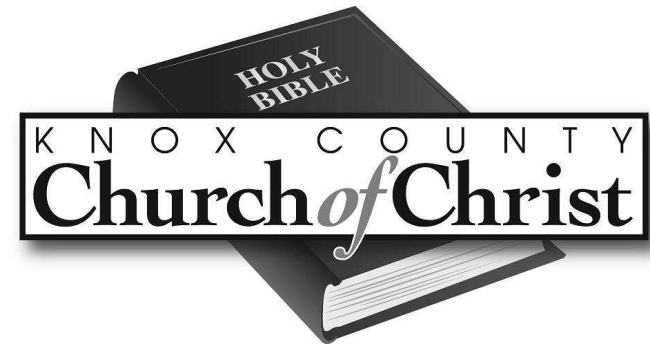
First Prayer Tommy Sanders
Songs *Singing*
Sermon Brad Green
Lord's Supper Charles Hatcher
Closing Prayer Terry Hurst

Wednesday Night

Songs Keith Kever
First Prayer Kevin Felker
Devotional Terry Hurst
Closing Prayer Donald Shipley

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130 Mabry Hood Road
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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

“THE GOSPEL OF THE SECOND CHANCE”

[This article by Guy N. Woods appeared in the February 17, 2014 Beacon, A Publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]

Sin, whether conceived of as an act or regarded as a principle, is set forth under various aspects in the Sacred Writings. Numerous terms, both in the Hebrew of the Old Testament and in the Greek of the New Testament, are required to present it in all of its multiform phases. Of frequent occurrence is the Hebrew word *hatah*, rendered in the Septuagint (the Greek translation made from Hebrew about 300 years before Christ came) by the Greek term *hamartia*, signifying to miss one's aim; hence, to miss the mark. It is a figure taken from the practice of archery, the use of bows and arrows. By an easy transition, the word, originally signifying to miss the target at which one sights in a literal sense, came to mean an error of the understanding, and then a bad action, an evil deed.

If one shoots an arrow at the target and misses the first time, he does not fling his bow aside after one try and confess defeat. It is good sportsmanship to try and try again. A miss is indeed a challenge few red-blooded sportsmen can resist. It is recognized that with practice comes proficiency, and that one may by it attain to a degree of skill little dreamed of at the beginning. We all want a second chance at the target.

In a vitally important and truly wonderful sense the Gospel of Christ may be styled the Gospel of Second Chance! For many centuries men have done much speculation about whether there will be a second chance in the next world. All such is

worthless and vain. The period of man's probation is fixed for this life, and he who allows it to pass without preparation commits an eternal sin. "He that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16). Those who obey not the Gospel shall suffer punishment, *even* eternal destruction from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he shall come to be glorified in his saints (2 The. 1:9-10).

There is something much better than a second chance in the next world—a **second chance in this world** ! How wonderful that the Lord enables us to try, and try, and try again! So long as life lasts, there is no limit to His patience and forbearance. "My little children, these things write I unto you that ye may not sin. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1). "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1:9). The blood of "Jesus his Son cleanseth [present tense, linear action, *keeps on* cleansing] us from all sin" (1:7).

Repentance is the price of a new round of shots at the target. God, as the Great Scorer, says, as it were: "Now is the accepted time to try again! Now is the day to hit the mark!" In the parable of the Pharisee and the publican the Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week; I give tithes of all that I get. But the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote his breast, saying, God, be thou merciful to me a sinner (Luke 18:11-13).

The Pharisee was so smug and self-satisfied in his attitude that he did not bother to see whether

he hit the mark or not, but the publican said: "God, be merciful to me, a man who has missed the mark." And our Lord said, in effect: "I tell you, this man went down to his house to try again, and the other did not!"

From the far country, slowly, wearily, in rags, the prodigal came back to his father. He begins his oft-rehearsed speech: "Father, before heaven, and in thy sight, I have missed the mark. I do not deserve another try. I ask only to be permitted to be as one of thy hired servants, and make bows and arrows for better men." The father drowns out his words in a sea of love and devotion. As he rains kisses on the returned wanderer, he shouts: "Bring out a bow and give it to him." The elder brother complains: "But, father, he has his bow and missed the mark." "Never mind," the father answers. "Bring out the best bow and give it to him. **My boy has come back to try again.**" How grateful all of us should be that the Lord allows us to come back and try again!

-- *Guy N. Woods*

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)