

## Prayer List

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

- Becky Ragle (Amanda's sister-in-law) is in the hospital recovering after recent surgery.

## The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, January 31	14/19/16
	Wednesday, February 3	16
Offering	Sunday, January 31	\$911.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Class      Tommy Sanders

### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & First Prayer      Terry Hurst  
Songs      Keith Keever  
Sermon      Brad Green  
Lord's Supper      Kevin Felker  
Contribution      Charles Hatcher  
Assisting      Donald Shipley  
Closing Prayer      John Bagwell

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

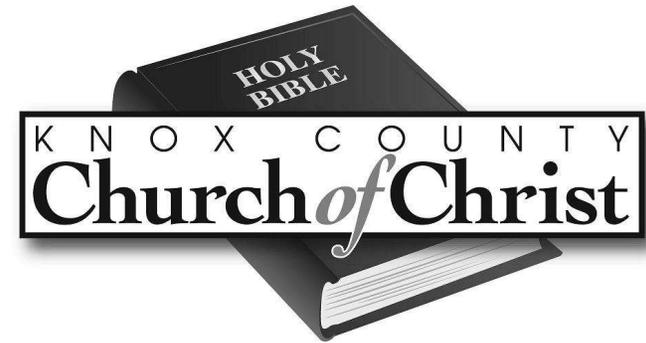
First Prayer      Keith Keever  
Songs      John Bagwell  
Sermon      Brad Green  
Lord's Supper      Kevin Felker  
Closing Prayer      Donald Shipley

### Wednesday Night

Songs      David Snyder  
First Prayer      Terry Hurst  
Devotional      Tommy Sanders  
Closing Prayer      Charles Hatcher

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**February 7, 2016**



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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

“VOX POPULI, VOX DEI”

[This article by David P. Brown appeared in the February 17, 2014 Beacon, A Publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]

“The voice of the people is the voice of God,” is the translation of the ancient Latin expression serving as the title of this article. In a democracy such a sentiment sounds good. Especially does it sooth the ear in a society that is permeated with Humanism.

When one examines God's infallible will, he immediately notices that most of the time most of the people are not in sympathy with the truth of God. More than this is the fact that the Bible reveals that God's people are very rarely content to remain submissive to His will over any extended period of time. Just six chapters into the Bible and some 1500 years from the creation God is pleased with only eight people out of the whole human race (Gen. 6:5-6).

Concerning God's chosen people of the Old Testament, the Jews, God said of them at the time of the golden calf incident: “I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people” (Exo. 32:1-9).

Paul warned that some members of the church would conduct themselves according to the aforementioned phrase, with not a few elders and preachers in the lead (Acts 20:28-31; 1 Tim. 4:1ff; 2 Tim. 4:1-4)! Therefrom a great apostasy resulted, and there is not any indication that mankind, in the church or out of it, has changed. That is, man has yet to learn that the voice of the people is **not** the voice of God.

Can you imagine the Campbell's, Barton W. Stone, and others of their character holding the view that the preachers of their day should settle the matter of what constitutes the final

authority in religious matters so that they would know what to preach? It is obvious that the voice of the preachers in and of itself alone is not any more the voice of God than is the voice of the people.

It is still true that the Bereans were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so (Acts 17:11; Also see 2 Tim. 2:15).

Yes, all of us have done and will continue to benefit from those who have gone before us in their studies. Surely no one is opposed to such benefits and blessings in the least, but that is not the point under consideration. My point is just this: **The majority position on any subject does not in and of itself alone make it right!** When the church and the world understand that point they will know why the Bereans were called noble by God and they will understand Acts 17:11.

Faithful elders, Gospel preachers, and members of the Lord's church have long withstood the attempts at intimidation and threats coming from the world and human churches when such people have attempted to get God's faithful to water down the Gospel that the masses might be pleased. “Vox populi, vox Dei” is Satan's formula and has no place among the faithful of God. **Let us strive to make the voice of God the voice of the people.** Our plea, therefore, is: “If any man speak, *let him speak* as the oracles of God” (1 Pet. 4:11), “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation” (Rom. 1:16), “But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine” (Tit. 2:1), and “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good” (1 The. 5:21)

-- David P. Brown

## 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!

