

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, Dub McClish, Tina Muckle, Magaly Orozco, Becky Ragle, Chris Ragle, Keith Russell, Dolores Snyder, Sam Teasley, Mary York

●Jim Kays (fireman and friend of Amanda's brother in Ackerly, TX) is in the hospital in serious condition after being injured in a wreck while responding to an emergency call.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, February 14	18/21/19
	Wednesday, February 17	12
Offering	Sunday, February 14	\$966.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Class	Kevin Felker
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Sunday Morning Worship

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

Sunday Afternoon Worship

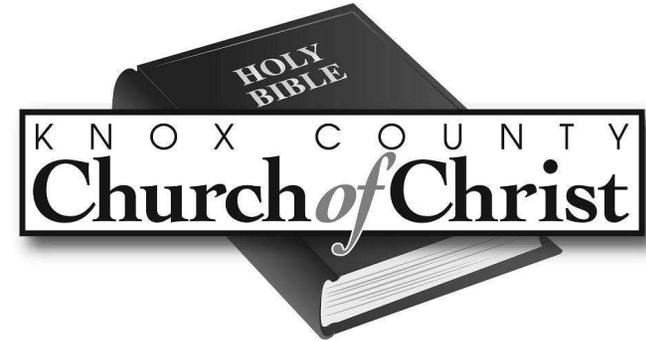
First Prayer	Terry Hurst
Songs	John Bagwell
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

Wednesday Night

Songs	David Snyder
First Prayer	Keith Keever
Devotional	John Bagwell
Closing Prayer	Charles Hatcher

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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

“MAKING AND USING MONEY”

[This article by B. C. Goodpasture appeared in the March 3, 2014 Beacon, A Publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]

The Bible has much to say about the honest production and proper use of material resources. It recognizes and regulates the relation between the production and the distribution and the use of wealth. It is axiomatic that those who contribute to the making of money should share in the enjoyment of it.

There are two obligations that naturally attach to the making and use of money: it should be made **honestly**, and it should be used **rightly**.

It should be obtained honestly. “Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men” (2 Cor. 8:21). Those who have come into possession of money dishonestly sooner or later will pay for their dishonesty. The covetous Gehazi, by lying, obtained silver and raiment from Naaman, but “he went out from his presence a leper *as white as snow*” (2 Kin. 5:20-27). Judas betrayed his Lord for 30 pieces of money, but his heart was so tortured by the fires of remorse that he returned the price of his treachery with the awful confession, “I have betrayed the innocent blood” (Mat. 27:4). The rich men of James 5 had filled their coffers with the toil of their underpaid, or unpaid, laborers and the terrible consequences of their sins were upon them. It is not enough to obtain money in the right manner.

The rich men to whom, and about whom, Jesus spoke (Luke 12, 16, 18), so far as we know, came into the possession of their wealth by no fraudulent means. They may have inherited it,

they may have married it, they may have received it as a gift, or they may have earned it. The rich young ruler is not charged with dishonesty. The rich farmer of Luke 12 and the rich man of Luke 16 are above reproach so far as the manner of obtaining their riches is concerned. The way they made their money is not the point primarily under consideration. It is not enough to obtain money honestly. Having obtained resources **honestly** there remains the solemn obligations to use them **properly**. The three rich men in question made their grave mistake not in the **manner they obtained** their wealth but in the **way they used it**.

There are three factors which contribute to the making of money, regardless of the amount. First, the person who immediately has the money contributes his part. This has been true from the beginning. “In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread” (Gen. 3:19). “If any would not work, neither should he eat” (2 The. 3:10). “The labourer is worthy of his hire” Luke 10:7). It is his duty to produce and his privilege to enjoy the fruit of his labors. Second, society contributes its part. A man with no contact with society is incapable of making money in the usual sense of the term. If Robinson Crusoe had remained a thousand years on this fabled island with no contact with the outside world, he could not have produced any wealth. Third, God contributes His part. His is the largest part. “But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth” (Deu. 8:18). He is the one in whom we live and have our being; He is the giver of every good and perfect gift. His blessing makes one rich (Pro. 10:22). If all three factors contribute to the making of resources, and they do, should they not be considered in the distribution and use of them? If three men in business make a legitimate profit, each has a right to his respective part of it. No one of the three has

the right to take all that has been made.

It is significant that the three rich men under consideration failed at this point. May it not suggest that the greater danger lurks in the use of, rather than in the making of, resources? The rich farmer would pull down his barns and build greater, and there bestow all his grain and goods and say to his soul that it had much goods laid up for many days. In his plan neither society nor God was considered for his wealth. Another of the rich men was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. He was not interested in God or his fellow man in the use of his resources. Seemingly the desire of Lazarus to be fed of the crumbs, which fell from this rich man's table, was not granted. It was nothing to him if Lazarus, sore-covered and dog-licked, died of hunger and exposure at his gate. For God and His cause he had not thought nor gift. The rich young ruler kept, for a brief time, his wealth while the cry of the needy was unheard and the voice of the Lord was disobeyed. These made their fatal mistake in the use of their money. What a lesson for us—what a warning to us! Brother, what are you doing to help the poor and to preach the Gospel? Will the Lord be pleased with the use you are making of your money?

“Charge them...That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life” (1 Tim. 6:17-19).

-- *B. P. Goodpasture*

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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.