

## 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, Jim Kays, Magaly Orozco, Becky Ragle, Chris Ragle, Keith Russell, Dolores Snyder, Mary York

●Ron Hall (elder at Northside Church of Christ in Calhoun, GA) is recovering after bypass surgery Monday

## The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, February 21	20/26/18
	Wednesday, February 24	17
Offering	Sunday, February 21	\$933.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Class	John Bagwell
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### Sunday Morning Worship

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

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

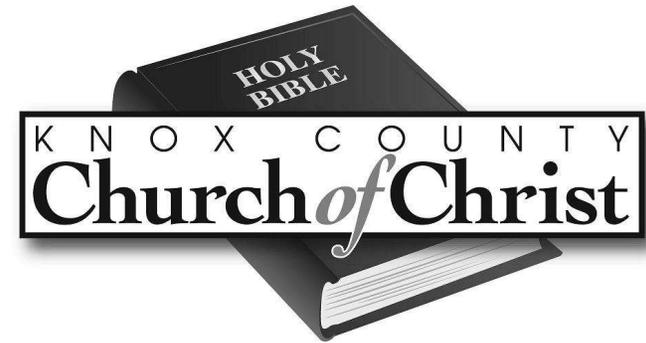
First Prayer	Tommy Sanders
Songs	<i>Singing</i>
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Terry Hurst
Closing Prayer	Charles Hatcher

### Wednesday Night

Songs	David Snyder
First Prayer	Tommy Sanders
Devotional	Keith Keever
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

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**February 28, 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***

### **“THERE'S NO ACCOUNTING FOR TASTE”**

*[This article by Tim Smith appeared in the March 10, 2014 Beacon, A Publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]*

Taste varies from age to age, generation to generation, and person to person. We do not all like the same things. We seldom all dislike the same things. Take foods—have you ever wondered why there are so many different brands of vegetables in the grocery store? I mean, why not just pick the best one and sell only that one? Would that not make sense? And what about restaurants—get rid of all but the best one in the world and just duplicate it over and over and over and make a fortune, right? Why has someone not thought of that before me? Then there is the whole area of fashion. Why has someone not determined what the best outfit for every man in the world would be and mass-market it? Same for women and same for children. Would not he/she make a killing? Think of all the time such moves as those just proposed would save—no more “selecting” of vegetables in the store, no more “deciding” which restaurant to go to, no more “shopping” for clothes—just take the best—the only one offered—and all is well.

Surely you could see that such simplistic solutions as those offered above would not work. All of those things dealt with matters of “taste” or choice or personal expression. Some prefer Del Monte and some Bush's Best—which is better? Kinda hard to say. Some prefer Burger King and some Sonic—which is better? Again, kinda hard to say. Some like a suit and tie (usually men, though I have seen some women wearing them too) and some prefer blue jeans—which is better? And among suits, which is the best? Which blue

jean manufacturer makes the best product? I have strong opinions about vegetables—some I will eat and some I will eat only if life or death hangs in the balance. What I find repulsive in vegetables someone else may very well not find repulsive—in fact it may be their favorite. I am also rather finicky about restaurants—and clothes, well, that is a whole other matter altogether. I know what I want in all those areas and what I will tolerate and what simply will not do. They are my feelings—and mine alone.

Does God care which vegetable brands you prefer? Not so as I can tell from reading His Book. Does He care about which restaurant you go to? Again, His Book does not endorse one in particular (although some may well be disqualified from the patronage of the faithful because of some particular thing done there). What about clothes? Does God like a suit and tie more than blue jeans? How about Polyester? Remember Leisure Suits—what does God think about them? You would be hard pressed to give a specific Bible answer to those questions. The simple fact is, there are some things that are totally left to the discretion of the individual. They are matters of opinion, liberty, preference, or taste. I may think your taste wholly repulsive, and you may think the same of mine, but neither may condemn the other for such a matter. There really is no accounting for taste.

### **Welcome Visitors**

Thank you for visiting with us today. If you have any questions about anything said or done during our worship service, please feel free to ask. Also, please take a moment to fill out one of our visitor's information cards and stick around after services so that we can get to know you better.

Always remember: If God had a preference, it would be expressed in His Word. If He has given no such indication, with all due respect, it is incumbent upon us to keep our preference to ourselves and not be guilty of imposing our taste as a test of fellowship on those who would identify themselves with the people of God. Do not use a matter of liberty to build a wall between yourself and the faithful of God. Do not become a modern-day Pharisee by taking something that you are totally at liberty to prefer for yourself and corrupting the faith of someone who may not prefer the same thing. It is just as wrong to make a rule God did not make as it is to omit a rule He did make. May God bless you as you study and obey His Word.

*-- Tim Smith*

### **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!

