

## Prayer List

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

- Chris Ragle (Amanda's brother) is having back surgery on Thursday

## Announcements

We will have a Men's Meeting tomorrow at 7PM.

### The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, February 28	18/18/14
	Wednesday, March 2	22
Offering	Sunday, February 28	\$761.00

### Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Class                      John Bagwell

#### Sunday Morning Worship

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

#### Sunday Afternoon Worship

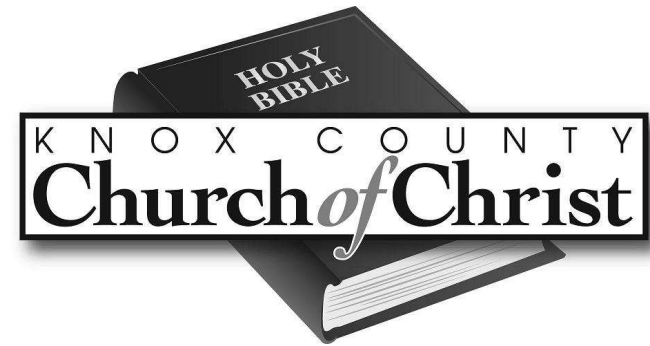
First Prayer    Charles Hatcher  
Songs    Keith Keever  
Sermon    Brad Green  
Lord's Supper    Barry Simmons  
Closing Prayer    David Snyder

#### Wednesday Night

Songs    John Bagwell  
First Prayer    Terry Hurst  
Devotional    Kevin Felker  
Closing Prayer    Donald Shipley

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**March 6, 2016**



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**Meeting Location:**  
130 Mabry Hood Road  
Suite 102  
Knoxville, TN 37922  
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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***  
**“WHAT ABOUT A DEATHBED  
 CONFESSION?”**

*[This article by Dub Mowery appeared in the April 7, 2014 Beacon, A Publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]*

*Deathbed confession* is generally understood to refer to that which is done by a person who is near death and feels the need to confess his or her sins to God. In determining whether or not a deathbed confession is an acceptable means of obtaining forgiveness of sins, let us analyze the inspired Scriptures. First of all, we ask, is the person who confesses his or her sins while in the process of dying an alien sinner or an erring child of God? Alien sinners are those souls accountable to God who have never obeyed the Gospel of Christ. These individuals are not in the spiritual family of the heavenly Father. An alien sinner is a person without Christ, God, or hope of eternal life (Eph. 2:12). Erring children of God are those who have obeyed the Gospel, but have become unfaithful.

There are two laws of pardon under the New Testament. One avenue of pardon is for the alien sinner, the other for the erring child of God. Since an alien sinner is not in the spiritual family of God, he or she needs to “be born of water and of the Spirit” (John 3:5). This is accomplished when a person obeys the Gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16; 6:17-18). In obeying the Gospel to be saved, every alien sinner must receive the Word of God by either hearing or reading it (Jam. 1:21; Rom.

10:17; John 20:30-31), believing it (John 8:24; Heb. 11:6), repenting of sins (Acts 17:30-31), confessing his faith in Christ as the Son of God (Acts 8:37; Mat. 10:32-33), and being baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). There is not anyone who can bypass this law of pardon for the alien sinner, either by attempting to “pray through” for salvation or by any other means.

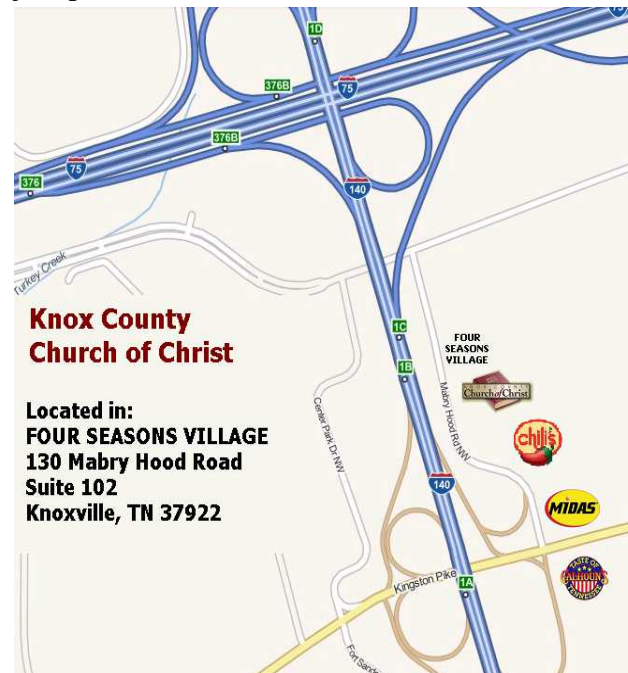
It is the erring child of God who must repent, confess his or her sins, pray to God for forgiveness of their sins, and resume faithfulness unto the Lord (Acts 8:18-24; 1 John 1:8-9; Rev. 2:1-5). No one should wait until dying before turning to the Lord. We should devote our entire lives to Him (Ecc. 12:1, 13). What motivates a

person to do otherwise? One cannot look into the spiritual heart of a dying person who confesses his sins. Nevertheless, it is dangerous for any person to procrastinate until their dying moment to turn unto God. There is the danger that a person’s heart will have already hardened (“conscience seared”) because of his continually rejecting the will of God (Heb. 3:13; 1 Tim. 4:2). It is true that some in their sunset years of their life obey the Gospel. However, a “deathbed confession” is not a substitute for obeying the Gospel of Christ (2 The. 1:7-9).

-- *Dub Mowery*

**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!



**The church of Christ**

- ✓ Built by Jesus Christ
  - Matthew 16:18
- ✓ Purchased by Jesus Christ
  - Acts 20:28
- ✓ Established on the first Pentecost after the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ
  - Acts 2:38
  - Acts 2:41
  - Acts 2:47
- ✓ Jesus is the Head
  - Colossians 1:18
- ✓ The Bible is her only doctrine
  - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
  - Jude 3
  - 2 Peter 1:3
- ✓ God adds those being saved to the church
  - Acts 2:47
  - Mark 16:16
- ✓ Jesus will present the church to His Father
  - Ephesians 5:27
- ✓ There is only one church
  - Matthew 16:18
  - Ephesians 4:4
  - Ephesians 1:22-23

**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.