

Prayer List

Brian Carver, Ginger Chestnut, Marc Genua, Eleanor Green, Virgil Hale, Ron Hall, Betty Harama, Gordon Hatcher, Kenny Hughes, Evelyn Hunt, Jim Kays, Magaly Orozco, Chris Ragle, Keith Russell, Dolores Snyder, Mary York

- Amy Headrick had hip replacement surgery on Friday after falling and breaking her hip Thursday.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, March 20	20/21/21
	Wednesday, March 23	18
Offering	Sunday, March 20	\$941.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Class Barry Simmons

Sunday Morning Worship

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

Sunday Afternoon Worship

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

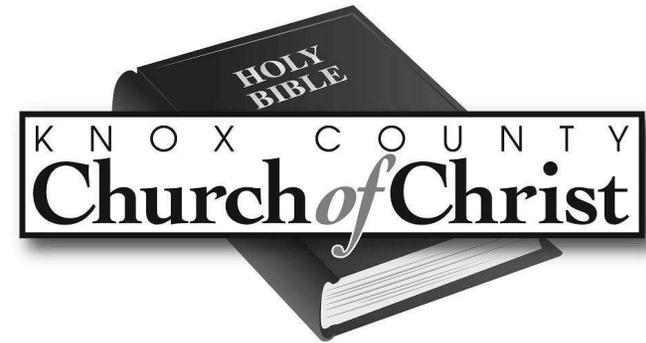
Wednesday Night

Songs John Bagwell
First Prayer Tommy Sanders
Devotional Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer Kevin Felker

Next Men's Meeting: May 2, 2016

Knox County Church of Christ
PO Box 22441
Knoxville, TN 37933

March 27, 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

"SAVED BY GRACE"

We should be ever thankful for the grace of God that has made salvation possible. Without God's grace and mercy, man would be without hope and "most miserable" (1 Cor. 15:19). The inspired Paul wrote, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). Paul helps define "grace" by adding that salvation is a "gift" from God. Man's sin has separated himself from God (Isa. 59:1-2), but God loves man so much that God has made a plan by which man can be reconciled back to Him (John 3:16; Col. 1:21-23).

Many have used the phrase, "by grace are ye saved," to imply that one is saved by grace only. The verse, in no way, teaches such. In fact, we can know exactly how the Ephesian brethren were saved by grace through faith. During Paul's 3rd Evangelistic Journey, he once again visited the city of Ephesus (Acts 18:24). While there, he preached the truth (Acts 19:8), for without hearing the Word of God, one cannot be saved (Rom. 10:17). Of those Ephesians who heard the word some believed (Acts 19:18) and some did not (Acts 19:9). The Bible teaches that it is impossible to please God without faith (Heb. 11:6), and thus one must believe in order to be saved. The believing Ephesians acted upon God's grace and confessed that Jesus was the Christ and repented of their past iniquities (Acts 19:18-19). So, in order to be saved by grace, the Ephesians had to confess and repent. Lastly, we know that the Ephesians were baptized in order to have their sins forgiven. How do we know this? The Ephesians believed what Paul preached (Acts 19:18). What did Paul preach about baptism? "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be

baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). Paul taught that it was in water baptism where one has his sins washed away. In addition, immediately upon entering Ephesus, Paul encountered disciples who had been baptized with the baptism of John. After teaching them that the baptism of John was no longer in effect, the disciples "were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 19:5).

And so, we can know how to be saved by grace through faith. We simply need to follow the same pattern followed by the Ephesians to whom Paul was writing: 1) Hear the Word, 2) Believe the Word, 3) Repent of Sins, 4) Confess that Jesus is the Christ, and 5) Be Baptized in order to have

our sins forgiven. After following God's plan to save, which was given to us by His grace, and not by the works of any man (Eph. 2:8-9), God will add one to His Church (Acts 2:47) and among the saved (2 Tim. 2:10; Eph. 1:22-23). We are saved by God's grace, but not by His grace alone. Man must appropriate that grace by humbly submitting to God's plan to save (Heb. 5:8-9) and by remaining faithful unto Him (Rev. 2:10)

-- *Brad Green*

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

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!

