

## Prayer List

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Linda Balthrop, Martha Bentley, Linda Brackett, Debbie Caldwell, Rashay Driscoll, Nancy Glass, Lily Griswold, Ella Green, Jake Hanna, Gordon Hatcher, John Johnson, Brenda Levister, Mary Lynn McAleer, Jay Montgomery, Tony Priola, Andy and Jennifer Price family, Tim Smith, Lisa Sollars mother, Chris Stout, Eckert Street

- Barry and Sandra Simmons are traveling.
- Norman Lee (Tresa Snyder's father) has prostrate cancer.
- Veronica Dupree (Charles Hatcher's cousin) passed away Thursday. The funeral is today.

## The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, February 7	28/28/28
	Wednesday, February 10	24
Offering	Sunday, February 7	\$1014.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes     James Hutton

### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer	Brian Carver
Songs	Lance Green
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Jay Caldwell
Assistants	Donald Shipley & Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	Charles Hatcher

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

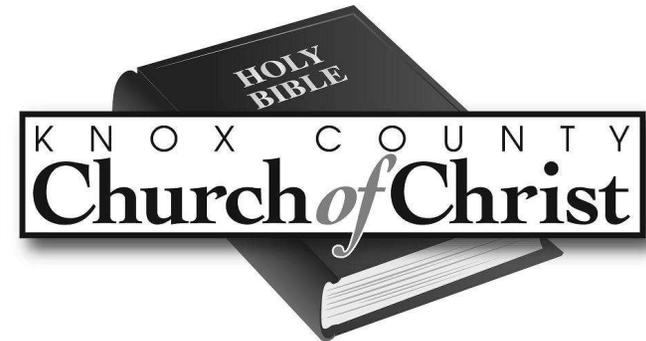
First Prayer	Tommy Sanders
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Brian Carver
Closing Prayer	David Snyder

### Wednesday Night

Songs	Lance Green
First Prayer	Jay Caldwell
Devotional	Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer	James Hutton

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**February 14, 2010**



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**Meeting Location:**  
 130 Mabry Hood Road  
 Suite 102  
 Knoxville, TN 37922  
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## Schedule of Services

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### Sunday

Bible Study.....9:30 AM  
 Worship.....10:30AM & 1:30 PM

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 PM

## ***From The Preacher's Pen***

### **A Congregation Worthy Of Commendation**

The apostle Paul bestows a wonderful commendation upon the Church which met in Thessalonica (1 The. 1:1-5). Every congregation of the Lord's Church should seek such Divine approval. For this reason, it is important and necessary that we imitate the characteristics of the Thessalonian congregation which God condones and commends.

First, the Church at Thessalonica followed God and not men. The inspired Paul records that the congregation "received the word" (1:6) and grounded their "work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (1:3). The Church at Thessalonica did not seek the endorsement of their community. These Christians were meeting amidst a wicked people who were described as not "noble" (Acts 17:11) and who caused the Church much "affliction" (1 The. 1:6). In order to find the approval of men, the Thessalonian brethren would have had to reject the Word of God and compromise their work, faith, and labor to resemble that of the men around them. The congregation at Thessalonica was commended by God because they "continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine" (Acts 2:42) and obeyed "God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

Second, the Church at Thessalonica "sounded out the word of the Lord" (1 The. 1:8). These brethren were not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ (cf. Rom. 1:16). Like the prophet Jeremiah, each Christian should be able to proclaim that the Word of God is "in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, And I could not" (Jer. 20:9, NKJV). Instead of seeking the approval of men, the Church must teach and encourage men to seek the approval of God.

Third, the Thessalonian congregation eagerly awaited the return of the Lord (1 The. 1:10). The inspired Paul writes, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Tim. 4:7-8). We must all live our lives in such a manner as to be able to say that we are ready for Jesus to return. We can only "love His appearing" if we have been obedient to His Word, which will serve as our judge (John 12:48). If we live faithful to God's Will everyday, we can be "looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God" (2 Pet. 3:12).

As a congregation of the Church for which Christ died, we should earnestly strive for the approval and commendation of God. To help us in this endeavor, God has given us inspired examples to follow. "To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen." (Jude 25).

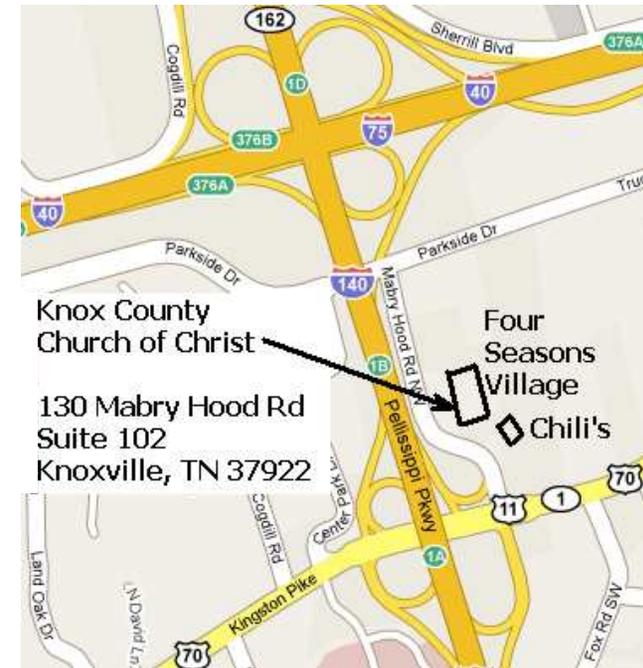
*-- Brad Green*

Continue to pray for our newspaper ad, "Bible Answers For Bible Questions" which runs every other Wednesday in the Community section of the Knoxville News Sentinel. The next ad runs this Wednesday, February 17.

Please encourage friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to read and send in their questions.

## **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 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)