## **Prayer List**

Kenny Even, Doris Reyes Fernandez, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Ella Green, Alice Hall, Amanda Hatcher, Gordon Hatcher, Kim Johnson, Norman Lee, Mary Lynn McAleer, Tony Priola, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Ronald Russell, Sandra Simmons, Tim Smith, Sheila Sollars, Jim and Carole Turk, Abby Yarlequé.

- Sara Johnson is still recovering from sickness.
- Diane Capps is dealing with some health issues.
- The Simmons will be traveling for the next few weeks.
- Philip Hutton (James's father) is having some health issues.

### Announcements

The next Men's Meeting will be Monday, February 7, at 7PM.

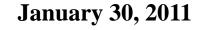
## The Numbers

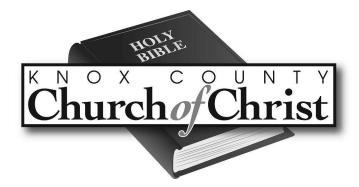
Attendance	Sunday, January 23	19/23/16
	Wednesday, January 26	
Offering	Sunday, January 23	\$606.00

## **Those Serving**

Prayer Before Sunday Classes	Tommy Sanders		
Sunday Morning Worship			
Announcements & Prayer	James Hutton		
Songs	Keith Keever		
Sermon	Brad Green		
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Tommy Sanders		
Assistants Levy Cox &	Charles Hatcher		
Closing Prayer	Lance Green		
Sunday Afternoon Worship			
First Prayer	Charles Hatcher		
Songs	Singing		
Sermon	Brad Green		
Lord's Supper	Tommy Sanders		
Closing Prayer	James Hutton		
Wednesday Night			
Songs	Lance Green		
First Prayer	Barry Simmons		
Devotional	David Snyder		
Closing Prayer	Charles Hatcher		

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#### **Meeting Location:**

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### **Schedule of Services**

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

Wednesday Bible Study......7:00 PM

# From The Preacher's Pen "NUMBERED WITH THE ELEVEN"

Though very little is known about the man Matthias, God reveals to us a great deal by introducing him as being "numbered with the eleven apostles" (Acts 1:26). First, we learn that he was qualified to be an apostle. Matthias had "companied with us [the 12 apostles] all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that He was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of His resurrection" Acts 1:21-22). In essence, Matthias had watched and learned at the very feet of the Master Teacher for about three years and had witnessed Jesus' humility, service, obedience, power, death, resurrection and ascension firsthand. Second, we know that Matthias had "an honest and good heart having heard the Word," he kept it, and brought forth fruit with patience (Luke 8:15). We know this because Peter and the other apostles "prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen" (Acts 1:24). Third, Matthias loved God more than he loved anything on earth. Jesus says, "if any man come to Me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:26). Matthias had also counted the cost of discipleship (Luke 14:27-33) and was willing to endure the baptism of suffering which accompanied all the apostles (Mat. 20:22-23) even to the point of death (Rev. 2:10). We learn all of this about Matthias simply because God says that Matthias "was numbered with the eleven apostles."

There is nothing in God's Holy Word that would imply that Matthias did anything but serve faithfully until death. There is no mention in the Bible of Matthias being jealous of Peter, seemingly the most outspoken of the twelve, or accusing Peter of taking "too much" upon himself (see Numbers 16). There is no inference that Matthias ever sought special prominence in Jesus' kingdom (c.f., Mat. 20:20-21). It seems that Matthias was not interested in how much would be written about him in the providentially preserved New Testament of Jesus Christ. He was simply content and honored to be "numbered with the eleven."

There are many today, even in the religious world, who are extremely fascinated (or obsessed) with themselves. Seeking renown and special recognition, many do what they do to "be seen of men" (Mat. 6:5) and love "the praise of men more than the praise of God" (John 12:43). It should not be our desire to be "known" and offered the "best seat in the house" everywhere we go (c.f., Luke 20:46-47). Jesus says, "when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, 'We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do" (Luke 17:10). If, when we pass from this life to the next, all that can be said of us is that we were numbered "with the saints, and of the household of God" (Eph. 2:19), how beautiful Heaven will be.

-- Brad Green

### 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.

# 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)

## **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!

