# **Prayer List**

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

- Tresa Snyder's test results showed cancer. She will be undergoing further testing to determine what the treatment options will be.
- Jonathan Thawley, a friend of James Hutton, is facing some serious financial problems.

## Announcements

There will be a Men's Meeting tomorrow at 7PM.

## **The Numbers**

Attendance	Sunday, March 2 Wednesday, Ma	
Offering	Sunday, March	
Those Serving		
Prayer Before Sunday Classes Tommy Sanders		
Sunday Morning Worship		
Announceme	nts & Prayer	Barry Simmons
Songs	·	Keith Keever
Sermon		Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution Tommy Sanders		
Assistants Levy Cox and Donald Shipley		
<b>Closing Praye</b>	er	David Snyder
Sunday Afternoon Worship		
First Prayer	-	Charles Hatcher
Songs		David Snyder
Sermon		Brad Green
Lord's Suppe	er	James Hutton
Closing Praye	er	Keith Keever
Wednesday Night		
Songs	•	Lance Green
First Prayer		James Hutton
Devotional		Barry Simmons
Closing Praye	er	Donald Shipley

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**April 3, 2011** 



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#### **Meeting Location:**

130 Mabry Hood Road Suite 102 Knoxville, TN 37922 865.247.4620

#### **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 "ASK, AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN YOU"

From our youth, we have been taught the importance of asking questions. Parents, teachers, and preachers have many times proclaimed that "there is no such thing as a dumb question," or "the only dumb question is the one that you do not ask." In preaching school, I and my fellow students were trained to ask questions. We were taught the power of an honest, properly worded, precisely stated "true or false" question in ascertaining and teaching the Truth. Jesus often employed the use of questions in order to teach. Jesus asked the chief priests and elders of the people about the baptism of John – "whence was it? from heaven, or of men?" (Mat. 21:25) and asked His own disciples, "what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36). Jesus was not a "troublemaker," but His questions made some in His audience "uneasy" and continue to cause "trouble" for many still today.

For this cause, many are seeking the demise of the question. Those who ask questions are being labeled as "labelers," marked as "markers," and persecuted as "persecutors." Many who fear these attacks have chosen to not ask questions. Even those with "honest and good" hearts (Luke 8:15) are becoming more and more scared that by asking a single question, their reputation can be marred. I fear a day when so many will refuse to answer any questions given them and so many are afraid to ask needed questions for fear of retribution that the truth or falsity of some things may be almost impossible to ascertain. In response to Jesus' question about John's baptism, the chief priests and elders "reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; He will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him? But if we shall say, Of

men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet. And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell" (Mat. 21:25-27). If people become afraid to ask questions and the questions that are asked only receive a "we cannot tell," how will anyone be able to tell anything from another? How miserable will it be to know that we can know a certain thing to be true if we have the facts but because we are afraid to ask for them (or because we are demeaned for asking) the facts are hidden. Matters of doctrine and salvation can always be known as long as we have the Bible (John 8:31-32), but is it possible that, with such disdain for questions, even the non-Christian could be taught to "do as I say" rather than ask "what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (Luke 18:18), or "what doth hinder me to be baptized" (Acts 8:36)? In the eyes of many already, it is "unchristian" to give a test to (or "try") individuals in order to determine "whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1). Jesus commended the Church at Ephesus for testing "them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars" (Rev. 2:2); will He not commend us for doing the same thing?

Dear brethren and friends, never be afraid or ashamed to ask questions. When asked a question, "be ready always to give an answer" (1 Pet. 3:15). Jesus says, "love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength" (Mark 12:30), and "seek the Lord, if haply [you] might feel after Him, and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us" (Acts 17:27).

-- Brad Green

# **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.

## **Gospel Meeting**

Our Gospel Meeting with brother Kent Bailey will be here before you know it! It begins on Sunday, May 15th and goes through Wednesday, May 18th.

Invitations have been printed. Please pick some up and begin distributing them to family, neighbors, co-workers, friends, and anyone else you may meet. Thanks for helping make our upcoming meeting a success!

## **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!

