## **Prayer List**

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

- Early Phillips, Ella Green, and Tresa Snyder are all recovering from successful surgeries.
- Amanda Hatcher will be having surgery on May 24.
- Philip Hutton will be traveling to Vanderbilt every Tuesday for the next 5 weeks.
- Remember David, Lance and Ashleigh, James and Lisa, and Charles and Russell as they care for their loved ones.

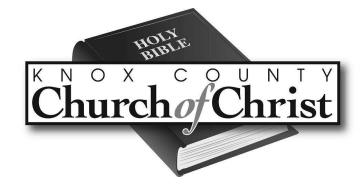
## Announcements

The next Men's Meeting will be tomorrow at 7PM.

## **The Numbers**

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Attendance	Sunday, April 24	
	Wednesday, Apr	ril 27
Offering	Sunday, April 24	4 \$734.25
Those Serving		
	e Sunday Classes	Lance Green
Sunday Morning Worship		
Announceme	ents & Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Songs	•	Keith Keever
Sermon		Brad Green
Lord's Suppe	er & Contribution	Barry Simmons
Assistants Levy Cox and Donald Shipley		
<b>Closing Pray</b>	-	Tommy Sanders
Sunday Afternoon Worship		
First Prayer	-	James Hutton
Songs		David Snyder
Sermon		Brad Green
Lord's Suppe	er	Charles Hatcher
Closing Pray	er	Donald Shipley
Wednesday Night		
Songs	•	Lance Green
First Prayer		Barry Simmons
Devotional		James Hutton
Closing Pray	er	David Snyder

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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 "YOU ARE NOT ALONE"

At some point in everyone's life, all have felt alone. All people experience difficulties, pain, sorrow, and sadness that is of such a nature that can instill a sense of loneliness. During these times of trial, it is incomprehensible that anyone could possibly understand how we feel or the immense burden we bear. Though it may be the case that no one close can understand these things, all have been affected by grief and agony and can therefore, at the least, empathize with those in distress.

Christians are to "comfort yourselves together, and edify one another" (1 The. 5:11) and "bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the Law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2). Whenever we are with faithful brethren, we are not alone. As we faithfully follow God and His Word, we faithfully serve one another – "brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the Law is fulfilled in one word. even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Gal. 5:13-14). We must never leave our brethren alone. When we assemble ourselves together for worship, and study of God's Word, we "consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works" (Heb. 10:24) and if one forsakes the assembly, he forsakes (or abandons) his brethren and the Lord, Himself (Heb. 10:25). The apostle Paul recalls, "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world" (2 Tim. 4:10), "Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil" (4:14) and "at my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me" (4:16). Paul could have easily felt alone, but amidst all this, he reminds himself, "Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry. And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus...Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever" (4:11-12, 17-18). Though Paul had been forsaken by many, he was never alone.

When we feel alone, we must, like Paul, remember that God is with us if we remain loval to Him. We also have a "High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15). Jesus came to Earth and lived in the flesh; He knows our pains and sorrows. On the night Jesus was betrayed, He went and prayed alone (Mat. 26:36-45). On the cross, He alone bore the sins of the world (Mat. 27:35-50). Though He be the Savior of the world, He knows abandonment - "from that time many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him" (John 6:66). Though He, Himself, is forsaken by many, He reminds His faithful, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5).

We will all experience difficult times that will leave us feeling alone. Let us remember that faithful brethren and the Lord will never forsake us. We are not alone.

-- 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.

## **Gospel Meeting**

The time for our Gospel Meeting with brother Kent Bailey is fast approaching! It begins on Sunday, May 15th and goes through Wednesday, May 18th.

Invitations have been printed. Please pick some up and give 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!

