

Prayer List

Doris Reyes Fernandez, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Ella Green, Alice Hall, Amanda Hatcher, Gordon Hatcher, Philip Hutton, Kim Johnson, Jim Ledbetter, Norman Lee, Mary Lynn McAleer, Tony Priola, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Ronald Russell, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Tresa Snyder, Sheila Sollars

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, July 10	16/18/16
	Wednesday, July 13	11
Offering	Sunday, July 10	\$721.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Charles Hatcher
Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer	Lance Green
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution	David Snyder
Assistants	Levy Cox and Donald Shipley
Closing Prayer	Barry Simmons

Sunday Afternoon Worship

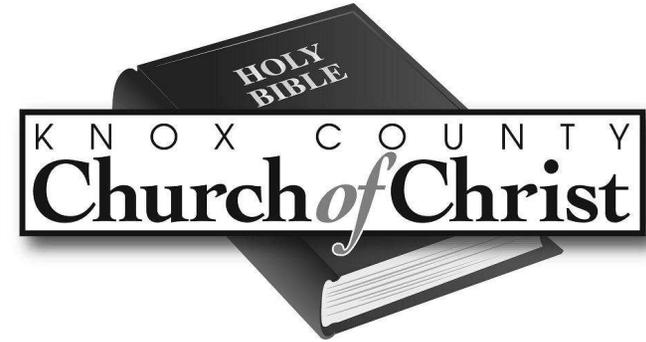
First Prayer	James Hutton
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer	Keith Keever

Wednesday Night

Songs	Lance Green
First Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Devotional	Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

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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

“CALVINISM: TOTAL HEREDITARY DEPRAVITY”

The doctrine of Total Hereditary Depravity teaches that babies are born in sin and that man inherits sin from Adam. This is many times referred to as “original sin.”

By “total depravity” is meant that there is no good or redeeming quality existent in a baby at birth. By “hereditary” is meant that sin is passed down from parent to child as if it is some sort of physical (rather than Spiritual) disease. Though many will quibble about the difference between “total” depravity and “absolute” depravity, the truth remains – this doctrine teaches that babies are born as sinful as the Devil, himself, and are therefore separated from God at birth, lost and doomed for an eternity in Hell. It is from this false doctrine that the creation of other false doctrines was deemed necessary – infant baptism and the direct operation of the Holy Spirit upon the heart of a sinner. Individuals who understood the consequence of teaching Total Hereditary Depravity needed a way to “clean up” the dirty, little, sinful babies so that if they died, they would not be punished for Adam’s sins. It is interesting, or confounding, that many who claim that baptism can “wash away” the sins of a baby will deny that baptism washes away the sins of a penitent adult (c.f., Acts 22:16). Additionally, Calvinists claim that since babies are born with no good in them, and therefore cannot produce any good thing, man needs God to directly operate on the heart in order for that person to do good. Both of these doctrines attempt to create a “solution” for a nonexistent problem. Just as one lie many times leads to the telling of another, so do false doctrines beget after their own kind.

THE TRUTH IS THAT BABIES ARE NOT BORN IN SIN. The Bible teaches that man is made in the “image of God” (Gen. 1:27), not the Devil! Jesus exclaims, “verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of Heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in My name receiveth Me” (Mat. 18:3-5). Did Jesus compare receiving or embracing a little child to receiving Himself? When we receive Jesus, do we receive purity or depravity? Furthermore, Jesus says that man cannot be saved (i.e., “enter into the kingdom”) without first becoming like a “little child.” Surely no one would claim that the kingdom of Heaven is made up of little, depraved sinners. The kingdom of Heaven is made up of those who love and obey God (Heb. 11:6; 5:8-9). The kingdom of Heaven is made up of those who are found in Christ (Rom. 6:3-4), “without spot, and blameless” (2 Pet. 3:14).

THE TRUTH IS THAT SIN IS NOT INHERITED. Sin is a Spiritual disease, not a physical one that can be genetically passed down from one generation to another. God says, “sin is the transgression of the Law” (1 John 3:4). Sin occurs when one breaks God’s Law, not as a “birth defect”. Just as sin is not inherited, righteousness is not inherited – “he that doeth righteousness is righteous” (1 John 3:7). Sin is a transgression of God’s Law while righteousness is obedience to God’s Law. The doctrine of inherited (or original) sin is destroyed by the breath of God: “the soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him” (Eze. 18:20). No man will bear the iniquity of an ancestor and thus no man inherits

Adam’s sin. Adam was the first man (1 Cor. 15:45) and therefore he was the first man to sin (Rom. 5:12). When the first sin was committed, death entered the world (Gen. 2:17; Rom. 6:23). Had you or I been the first man to commit sin, death would have entered the world; not because of the man who committed the sin, but because God’s Law was transgressed and the consequence of sin is Spiritual death. Regardless of who committed the first sin, the transgression of God’s Law separates man from God (Isa. 59:1-2), not genetics or heredity.

The Bible very clearly teaches that babies are not born sinful and that man does not inherit sin. Every individual has the right to choose whether he will serve God (Jos. 24:15) or sin (John 8:34). Let us choose to “serve God acceptably with reverence and Godly fear” (Heb. 12:28).

--Brad Green

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