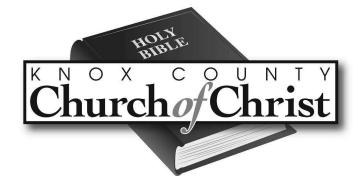
#### **Prayer List**

Doris Reyes Fernandez, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Eleanor Green, Amanda Hatcher, Gordon Hatcher, Juan Mandujano, Early Phillips, Andrew Ragle, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Verne Ragle, Ronald Russell, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Sheila Sollars, Kevin (Chela Keever's nephew)

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## November 18, 2012



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#### **Meeting Location:**

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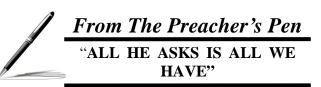
#### **Schedule of Services**

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

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

## **The Numbers**

Attendance	Sunday, Novem	ber 11 13/15/13	
	Wednesday, Nov	vember 14 13	
Offering	Sunday, Novem	ber 11 \$706.00	
Those Serving			
Prayer Before Sunday Classes Brad Green			
Sunday Morning Worship			
Announcements & Prayer		Keith Keever	
Songs		David Snyder	
Sermon		Brad Green	
Lord's Supper & Contribution Tommy Sanders		Tommy Sanders	
Assistant		Levy Cox	
Closing Prayer		Charles Hatcher	
Sunday Afternoon Worship			
First Prayer		Barry Simmons	
Songs		Keith Keever	
Sermon		Brad Green	
Lord's Supper		David Snyder	
Closing Praye	er	Lance Green	
Wednesday Night			
Songs		Lance Green	
First Prayer		Tommy Sanders	
Devotional		Barry Simmons	
Closing Praye	er	Charles Hatcher	



[The following article was written by Dub McClish, preacher for the Northpoint Church of Christ in Denton, TX, and was found on his website, www.scripturecache.com]

Why do so many people fail in living the Christian life? While many answers have been offered, I believe there is one overriding reason that fits every case. People have failed either to understand or have been unwilling to surrender to the central requirement of faithful discipleship: Jesus must be absolutely first in our lives.

He has made plain the preeminence He must have. We must love Him more than material things (Mat. 6:19–24). This means we must not neglect our service to Him in order to amass wealth. Also, we must generously support His service with our wealth. Further, we must not seek wealth by dishonest or dishonorable means.

He told us plainly that we must love Him even more than our dearest ones on earth (Mat. 10:34– 37). This means that one must not yield to family pressures that would cause him to disobey Christ. Even if one's family disowns him for becoming a Christian, he must still serve the Lord.

The basic (and most difficult) sacrifice He asks of us is **self**. We must present our bodies as "living sacrifices" unto God (Rom. 12:1). Jesus said his followers must "deny [no longer recognize, refuse to acknowledge] self" (Luke 9:23). We must be crucified with Christ so that self no longer lives, but Christ lives in us (Gal. 2:20). This difficult challenge is the major point of failure. A generation that has grown up on a steady diet of "do your own thing" and "if it feels good, do it" does not find it easy to give up its fornication, its alcohol and drug consumption, its materialism, and all of its other selfish sin and shame.

Even some saints care more about their "right" to drink their beer than the hope of Heaven. Our age is convenience-crazy and pleasure-mad. Our world operates like Israel in the days of the Judges: "...every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Jud. 17:6). Men have become vain in their reasonings, and their senseless hearts are darkened, leading them into unspeakable evils (Rom. 1:18–32).

We lament to say that this is true of many of the elect. If you doubt it, consider how many church members attend worship, Bible classes, and other spiritual activities of the church only when they please and do what they please otherwise, with hardly a passing thought. Consider how many are still "stiff-necked" about giving generously of their money, in spite of the numerous strong Scriptural examples and demands. Worldliness among the saints is winked at in many, if not most, congregations. The sad truth is that many of **us** do exactly what **we** want to do in both doctrine and practice, just like the world. We can never be faithful to Christ until we understand that what He asks of us is all we have.

-- DubMcClish

### 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.

## 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!

