# **Prayer List**

Doris Reyes Fernandez, Monty Foster, 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)

## The Numbers

17/18/16 Sunday, January 13 Attendance Wednesday, January 16 Offering Sunday, January 13

# **Those Serving**

Prayer Before Sunday Classes **Barry Simmons Sunday Morning Worship** 

Announcements & Prayer **Tommy Sanders** Songs Keith Keever **Brad Green** Sermon Lord's Supper & Contribution Lance Green Levy Cox Assistant **Closing Prayer** Charles Hatcher

## **Sunday Afternoon Worship**

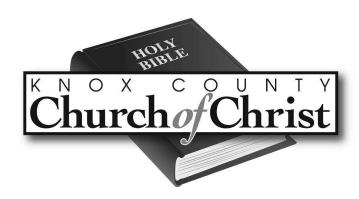
First Prayer **Tommy Sanders** Songs David Snyder **Brad Green** Sermon Lord's Supper Lance Green **Closing Prayer** Keith Keever

#### **Wednesday Night**

Songs Lance Green **Barry Simmons** First Prayer Charles Hatcher Devotional Closing Prayer 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 "A DECEIVING TRACT"

[This article was written by Ken Chumbley, and appeared in the February 9, 2009 Beacon, A Publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]

A while back, I picked up a religious tract in a restaurant. Although the intention of those who published the tract was good and honorable, sadly, the tract is deceitful in that it does not teach the whole truth concerning becoming a Christian and entering the Way—that is, Christ (John 14:6).

Four things were stated in the tract that one should do: First, realize that God loves you! John 3:16 is quoted: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Second, realize that everyone is a sinner! Two Scripture passages are quoted: "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one" (Rom. 3:10). "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (3:23). Third, realize that sin has a price that must be paid! Romans 6:23 is quoted: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Fourth, realize that Christ died to pay your price! Two Scriptures are again quoted: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (5:8) "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins" (Col. 1:14). The tract then states, finally, pray. Ask Jesus Christ to be you Savior, and claim His promise of eternal life! Romans 10:13 is then quoted: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Is that how people became Christians in the first century? Is that what the apostles told those people to do? Note that none of the Scriptures quoted in the tract is from the book of Acts. Acts is the book where we read of people becoming Christians. The Scriptures quoted, except John 3:16, come from the epistles, letters written to Christians. As regarding calling on the name of the Lord, we read in Acts that Saul of Tarsus (Paul the apostle) was told: "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). Baptism is nowhere mentioned in the tract—yet every case of conversion to Christ recorded in Acts shows those converted were baptized. Why does the tract not mention this vital part of becoming a Christian?

Let us never be deceived into accepting another gospel which, in reality, is not another gospel. Let us never cease to preach, and teach people how to become Christians in the same way as the early Christians did—as recorded in the book of Acts; and let us reject these four steps to becoming a Christian that teach another way of salvation as opposed to that taught by the Christians of the first century.

-- Ken Chumbley

## **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!

