

Prayer List

Thomy Brewster, Doris Reyes Fernandez, Donna Fowler, Marc Genua, Eleanor Green, Mike Grigg, Gordon Hatcher, Juan Mandujano, Mary Lynn McAleer, Larry McCollum, Betty Miller, sister Orasco (Peru), Early Phillips, Chris Ragle, Barry Simmons, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Sheila Sollars, Jana Ward

- Dennis Hogan (friend of Amanda's family) recently had a mass removed from his arm, and is now doing well. At this time, it appears that radiation will not be needed.

The Numbers

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| Attendance | Sunday, October 6 | _/_/_ |
| | Wednesday, October 9 | 18 |
| Offering | Sunday, October 6 | \$777.00 |

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Barry Simmons
Sunday Morning Worship

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

Sunday Afternoon Worship

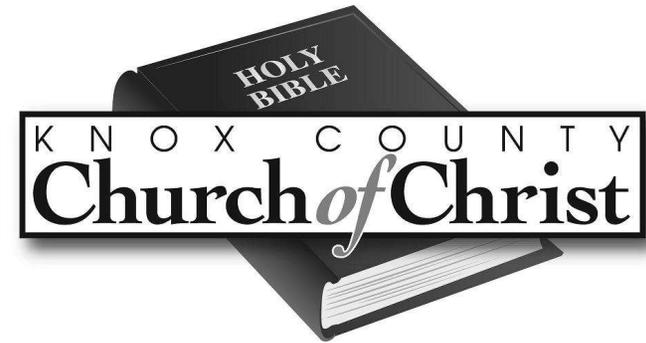
First Prayer Barry Simmons
 Songs Keith Keever
 Sermon Brad Green
 Lord's Supper Charles Hatcher
 Closing Prayer Donald Shipley

Wednesday Night

Songs David Snyder
 First Prayer Charles Hatcher
 Devotional Keith Keever
 Closing Prayer Tommy Sanders

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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

“KING ASA OF JUDAH”

[The following article is written by brother Danny Douglas and appeared in the September 1, 2008 issue of the Beacon, a publication of the Bellview Church of Christ.]

Asa succeeded his father, Abijah, to the throne of Judah (Southern Kingdom) in the twentieth year of Jeroboam, king of Israel (Northern Kingdom), and he reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem (cf. 1 Kin. 15:9-10). The inspired historian records: “And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, as did David his father” (15:11; cf. 2 Chr. 14:2).

Here are some of the good and right things which he did. “And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made” (1 Kin. 15:12). He stood for the right, even if it meant standing against his own family:

And also concerning Maachah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove: and Asa cut down her idol, and stamped it, and burnt it at the brook Kidron (2 Chr. 15:16; cf. 1 Kin. 15:13).

Moreover: “Asa’s heart was perfect with the Lord all his days” (15:14b). In addition:

And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himself had dedicated, into the house of the Lord, silver, and gold, and vessels (15:15).

However, in spite of all these outstanding accomplishments, a few years before his death, Asa compromised. Rather than relying on God for help, he made an alliance with a heathen king:

In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that

he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the Lord and of the king’s house, and sent to Benhadad king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying, There is a league between me and thee, as there was between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me (2 Chr. 16:1-3; cf. 1 Kin. 15:17-19).

At first his plan seemed to work, but later he learned that he had displeased God, as Hanani informed him:

Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the Lord thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand. Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the Lord, he delivered them into thine hand. For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars (2 Chr. 16:7-9).

As a result, Asa persecuted the prophet: “Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa oppressed some of the people the same time” (2 Chr. 16:10).

Asa fell into this trap because of the fear of man: “The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe” (Pro. 29:25). What a sad ending for one who had been so valiant.

His eventual compromise came because he trusted in the flesh rather than the Lord (cf. Jer. 17:5). He compromised the truth he earlier had stood for, and even punished the prophet, who proclaimed it to him!

A good beginning is important, but without ending properly, what good is it? Let us not rely on the world, but on God and His truth, regardless of the cost, for: “We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29)!

--Danny Douglas

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)