### **Prayer List**

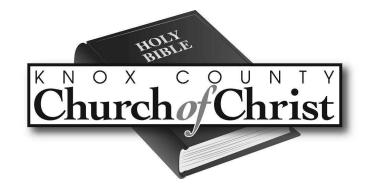
Thomy Brewster, Doris Reyes Fernandez, Donna Fowler, Marc Genua, Eleanor Green, Mike Grigg, Gordon Hatcher, Juan Mandujano, Mary Lynn McAleer, Larry McCollum, Betty Miller, sister Orasco (Peru), Early Phillips, Chris Ragle, Barry Simmons, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Sheila Sollars, Jana Ward

- Norma Ragle (Amanda's mother) is home recovering after having knee replacement surgery Monday.
- Charles Hatcher will be having surgery on his foot Tuesday to remove a plate and screws left in a prior procedure.

## **Those Serving**

| Prayer Before Sunday Classes | Brad Green      |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday Morning Worship       |                 |
| Announcements & Prayer       | Charles Hatcher |
| Songs                        | David Snyder    |
| Sermon                       | Brad Green      |
| Lord's Supper & Contribution | Barry Simmons   |
| Assistant                    | Levy Cox        |
| Closing Prayer               | Donald Shipley  |
| Sunday Afternoon Worship     |                 |
| First Prayer                 | Charles Hatcher |
| Songs                        | Singing         |
| Sermon                       | Brad Green      |
| Lord's Supper                | Barry Simmons   |
| Closing Prayer               | Tommy Sanders   |
| Wednesday Night              |                 |
| Songs                        | Brad Green      |
| First Prayer                 | Tommy Sanders   |
| Devotional                   | Keith Keever    |
| 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 THOSE "ARROGANT" APOSTLES

[The following article is written by brother Dub McClish and appeared in the September 22, 2008 issue of the Beacon, a publication of the Bellview Church of Christ.]

Some statements of the apostles may sound downright arrogant to the casual reader. To the Corinthians Paul wrote:

If any man thinketh himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him take knowledge of the things which I write unto you, that they are the commandment of the Lord (1 Cor. 14:37).

To the Galatians he wrote:

But though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach unto you any gospel other than that which we preached unto you, let him be anathema (Gal. 1:8).

Peter wrote:

Wherefore I shall be ready always to put you in remembrance of these things...that ye should remember the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and the commandments of the Lord and Saviour through your apostles (2 Pet. 1:12; 3:2).

John's claim is unmistakable:

We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he who is not of God heareth us not. By this we know the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error (1 John 4:6).

For ordinary men to make such authoritative claims smacks of unmitigated arrogance, but were these "ordinary" men? In the sense that they were human beings with natural human appetites, yes, they were. However, in another sense, these men were not "run-of-the-mill," everyday men. Even the enemies of Christ recognized this difference in them and identified it: "they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13). The authority given to the apostles by the Son of God, who has all authority (Mat. 28:18), removes any trace of arrogance from their statements of doctrine and from their forceful, dogmatic claims to preaching and writing infallible Truth.

There is no plainer statement of the authority vested in the apostles of Christ (and in the infallibility of their teachings) than His promise of Matthew 18:18: "what things soever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and what things soever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." The verb tense in this pivotal passage indicates that Jesus was telling the apostles they would be able to bind or loose on men only those things **which had already been settled** in Heaven. This promise is an absolute guarantee that the message of these men would be the perfectly true, inerrant will of God.

To those who understand and believe this, the apostles are not arrogant at all. Their authoritative words came from the Lord. They were merely human, "earthen vessels" through whom the Word of God flowed (1 Cor. 2:13; 2 Cor. 4:7; 1 The. 2:13). Men err who seek to distinguish between the authority of the teaching of Christ and the teaching of the apostles. Men can hear/read their words and live or reject them and perish (Mat. 7:24-27; 10:40; John 12:48).

-- Dub McOlish

### 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!

