## **Prayer List**

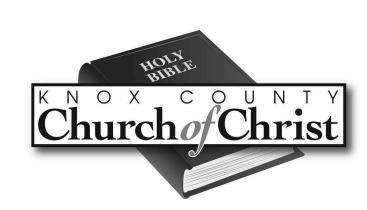
Thomy Brewster, Richard Burris, Croshia Elder, Doris Reyes Fernandez, Donna Fowler, Marc Genua, Anna Bell Green, Eleanor Green, Michelle Grimm, Gordon Hatcher, Mimi Headrick, Kenny Hughes, Paige Lackey, Mary Lynn McAleer, Juan Mandujano, Larry McCollum, Betty Miller, Magaly Orozco, Early Phillips, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Ronald Russell, Barry Simmons, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Jana Ward

• Dennis Hogan (friend of Amanda's family) had surgery to remove a tumor from his lung on Thursday and is now home recovering.

### **The Numbers**

Attendance	Sunday, March	23 18/21/18
	Wednesday, Ma	rch 26 25
Offering	Sunday, March 2	\$906.00
Those Serving		
Prayer Before Sunday Classes Brad		Brad Green
Sunday Morning Worship		
Announcements & Prayer		Kevin Felker
Songs		David Snyder
Sermon		Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution Charles Hatcher		
Assistant		Levy Cox
Closing Prayer		Keith Keever
Sunday Afternoon Worship		
First Prayer		Barry Simmons
Songs		Kevin Felker
Sermon		Brad Green
Lord's Suppe		Charles Hatcher
Closing Praye	er	Terry Hurst
Wednesday Night		
Songs		Keith Keever
First Prayer		Barry Simmons
Devotional		David Snyder
Closing Praye	er	Terry Hurst

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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* "BIBLICAL BAPTISM #9"

[The following article is written by brother Dub McClish and was published in Denton Record-Chronicle, Denton, Texas, December 14, 2007.]

The Bible tells us, by implication, **when** one should be baptized. When the multitudes on the day of Pentecost heard the Gospel, Luke records the response as follows: "They then that received his word were baptized: and there were added unto them in that day about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41). It is highly unlikely that any of these came to this remarkable occasion with a towel and dry clothes under their arms, yet they obeyed the apostolic command immediately.

When Philip "preached Jesus" to the Ethiopian on the road to Gaza, the man did not want to wait until they came to the next town, but besought the evangelist to stop at the first body of water sufficient to immerse him: "And...they came unto a certain water; and the eunuch saith, Behold, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" (Acts 8:36). Philip immediately complied with this request (vv. 38–39).

When the jailor at Philippi asked what he should do to be saved, it was already past midnight (16:25). Yet, when told what he should do, he and his household were baptized "the same

### 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. hour of the night" (vv. 30–34).

Ananias urged Saul of Tarsus to wait no longer to obtain the salvation he sought: "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on his name" (22:16). Saul responded in obedience immediately.

The immediacy of these baptismal responses in each case is unmistakable. The preachers did not suggest any delay, and the subjects did not request any delay for even an hour, much less a few days or until a "special baptismal service" could be planned a week later. The reason for such instant response should be equally evident. The faithful men who delivered the Gospel made it clear to these sinners that **until they were baptized they were still in the guilt and condemnation of their sins**, which would cause them to be lost eternally.

The Bible therefore teaches that, at the earliest moment one learns that he is a sinner in need of salvation and that baptism is a God-given condition of forgiveness of one's sins, he should be baptized. Baptism is more than a ritualistic act. It is more than a mere topic of theological curiosity or discussion. It is not merely an optional religious act. It is more than a means of admission to a religious order built by men. It is not an act of human merit or righteousness. Rather, the Bible teaches us that baptism is the very act in which Jesus Christ cleanses and saves the sinner from his sins by His shed blood, whereupon He adds him to His church, which is His earthly depository of those who are saved (Acts 2:27-47).

-- Dub McClish

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## 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!

