

## Prayer List

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Thomy Brewster, Richard Burris, Croshia Elder, Doris Reyes Fernandez, Donna Fowler, Marc Genua, Anna Bell Green, Eleanor Green, Michelle Grimm, Gordon Hatcher, Mimi Headrick, Dennis Hogan, 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

## The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, March 30	20/24/15
	Wednesday, April 2	17
Offering	Sunday, March 30	\$745.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes Tommy Sanders

### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Songs	Kevin Felker
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Keith Keever
Assistant	Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	David Snyder

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

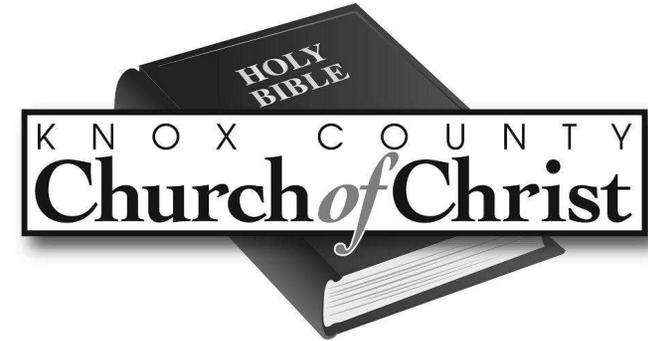
First Prayer	Kevin Felker
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Keith Keever
Closing Prayer	Charles Hatcher

### Wednesday Night

Songs	Keith Keever
First Prayer	Tommy Sanders
Devotional	Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer	Terry Hurst

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April 6, 2014



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**Meeting Location:**  
130 Mabry Hood Road  
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## Schedule of Services

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### Sunday

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

### Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 PM



## From The Preacher's Pen

### "WORSHIP OR ENTERTAINMENT?"

[The following article is written by brother Bob Pritchard and appeared in the March 11, 2013 Beacon, a Publication of Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL.]

Neil Postman described serious problems in modern culture in his insightful 1985 book, *Amusing Ourselves to Death*. His thesis was that public discourse has been reshaped to such an extent by television and entertainment that thoughtful discourse is missing. "Show business" hype has affected advertising, politics, and religion. Postman's conclusion is that none of these changes have made for improvement.

In our entertainment-oriented culture, many churches find themselves trying to "outdo" themselves with more and more elaborate additions to worship. What began as special music by a choir becomes a full orchestra with professional soloists. A dramatic reading necessitates a full Broadway stage production. And as long as those who come to worship enjoy what is offered, anything goes. The expectation is that sermons will be shorter, wittier, and more uplifting. Anything in worship that cannot be *jazzed up* must be abandoned as boring—and there is nothing worse than being boring, we are led to believe.

The problem with this entertainment orientation is that the very object of worship is forgotten. God is the *audience* in worship. Jesus told the Samaritan woman that ignorant worship was unacceptable to God, even though it may have been sincere or enjoyable. "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). To worship God in spirit and truth means that worship must be from the heart, not just outward acts, and that it must be done in exact obedience to God's

commands. The worship must be directed to Him, not to the whims of the worshippers.

God's regulations for worship as set out in the New Testament are neither boring nor out of date. They are God-centered, while entertainment is man-centered!

Culture relevance is important—thus many churches are implementing modern technology such as projection systems to enhance sermons. And there is nothing wrong with the worshiper enjoying worship. God intended worship to bless His children. But when worship is merely window dressing for an entertainment performance, it cannot please God. The apostle warned, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God" (2 John 9). Paul condemned things that "have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship" (Col. 2:23). "Will worship" is that which is fashioned after man's desires.

--Bob Pritchard

### Gospel Meeting

We will be holding a one day Gospel Meeting with brother Kent Bailey on Sunday, May 4. The topics will be:

9:30 AM

The Eternal Nature of Truth

10:30 AM

The Object of Our Ambition

1:30 PM

What The Church of Christ Does Not Have

## 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!

