

## Prayer List

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

## The Numbers

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Attendance	Sunday, April 20	13/16/15
	Wednesday, April 23	18
Offering	Sunday, April 20	\$876.00

## Those Serving

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Prayer Before Sunday Classes Terry Hurst

### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer	Barry Simmons
Songs	Kevin Felker
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Charles Hatcher
Assistant	Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	Tommy Sanders

### Sunday Afternoon Worship

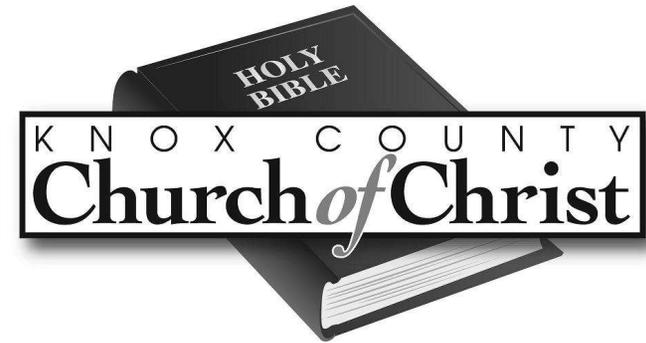
First Prayer	Barry Simmons
Songs	<i>Singing</i>
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Charles Hatcher
Closing Prayer	Terry Hurst

### Wednesday Night

Songs	Keith Kever
First Prayer	David Snyder
Devotional	Kevin Felker
Closing Prayer	Barry Simmons

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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***

### **“DOES REPENTANCE PRECEDE FAITH?”**

*[The following article is written by brother Bruce Stulting and appeared in the February 6, 2012 Beacon, a Publication of Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL.]*

Some in the denominational world falsely teach that one is saved at the point of faith. However, Jesus plainly taught in Luke 13:3 that “except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” See the necessity of repentance in the plan of salvation, the faith only advocates place repentance before faith being unwilling to give up their false doctrine. In an effort to find Scriptural support for their “repentance before faith” doctrine they often appeal to Acts 20:21. In this verse, Paul states to the Ephesian elders that he was, “Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.” Does the order of mention here dictate the order of occurrence in salvation?

To help us understand the answer to this question, let us get a better view of what Paul was instructing these people to do. The Jews were exceedingly blessed by God and had enjoyed His grace under the Mosaical Law. However, in rejecting Jesus as the Christ, they had fallen from that saving grace. These people already had faith in God and needed to repent of their rejection of the Christ. The faith that they are called upon to have is not faith in God the Father, but faith in Jesus the Son. At Antioch in Acts 13:43, Paul “persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.” But for them to have God’s favor now they had to have faith in Christ.

This order can clearly be seen in Acts 2:36-38. In these verses Peter commands them to know

## **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

assuredly that Jesus is both Lord and Christ. Only after these men had heard Peter’s sermon and believed did they ask, “What shall we do.” Peter’s reply was “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.” The order is clearly set forth in this account. They (1) heard God’s Word; (2) believed God’s Word; (3) their faith led them to repentance and baptism.

It is absurd to affirm that repentance precedes faith. To do so is to say that people repent toward God before they believe in Him. Without faith, what would ever lead one to repentance in the first place? In fact, Hebrews 11:6 teaches that without faith it is impossible to please God. The Bible also teaches in Romans 10:17 that “faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” The faith that is produced by God’s Word leads one to the repentance and obedience that is rewarded by our heavenly father.

--Bruce Stulting

## **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!

