# **Prayer List**

Marc Genua, Eleanor Green, Michelle Grimm, Virgil Hale, Betty Harama, Gordon Hatcher, Dennis Hogan, Kenny Hughes, Evelyn Hunt, Brandi Kayla Keever, Herminia Linginfelter, Magaly Orozco, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Tim Smith, John and Dolores Snyder, Richard Thompson, Susan Vaigneur, Jana Ward

• Eleanor Green will be having surgery tomorrow to remove her tonsils.

## **The Numbers**

Attendance	Sunday, November 2	20/25/20
	Wednesday, November	5 15
Offering	Sunday, November 2	\$946.00

## **Those Serving**

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Charles Hatcher Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer Terry Hurst
Songs Keith Keever
Sermon Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution
Assistant Kevin Felker
Closing Prayer Donald Shipley

**Sunday Afternoon Worship** 

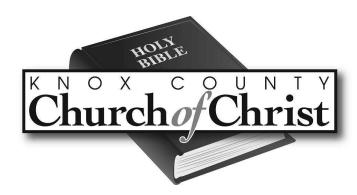
First Prayer Charles Hatcher Songs Kevin Felker Sermon Brad Green Lord's Supper Barry Simmons Closing Prayer Keith Keever

Wednesday Night

SongsDavid SnyderFirst PrayerTommy SandersDevotionalTerry HurstClosing PrayerDonald Shipley

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# **November 9, 2014**



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## **Meeting Location:**

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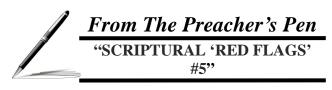
#### **Schedule of Services**

#### Sunday

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

#### Wednesday

Bible Study......7:00 PM



[The following article was written by Dub McClish, preacher for the Northpoint Church of Christ in Denton, TX, and was found on his website, www.scripturecache.com]

James 1:16 contains another "red flag," warning us against deception: "Be not deceived, my beloved brethren (ASV)." This warning looks backward to what James had just written about temptation, sin, and death. However, it also anticipates the declaration of the goodness and immutability of God in the next verse. Note some observations about this warning:

- 1 We must not allow ourselves to be deceived into thinking that God is the source of the enticements and seductions of Satan that appeal to our fleshly desires (v. 13). God despises sin. Rather than trying to get us to sin, it is His will that all men forsake sin in repentance (2 Pet. 3:9). Just as God cannot be tempted, He does not tempt anyone to sin. One who blames God for sin in the world or for his personal sins errs grievously. The folly of the skeptics that claim they cannot believe in God because He is allegedly to blame for sin in the world is thus exposed.
- 2 Sin does not occur because God tempts men, but because men allow themselves to be enticed to unlawfully satisfy various fleshly desires (v. 14). When one satisfies his lusts in a way that violates God's law, he sins. Sin, if persisted in, results in death—eternal separation from God (v. 15; cf. Rom. 6:23). Men may call various sins "sicknesses," and there may be some ways in which some of them may "overlap" and be thus identified (e.g., alcohol and other drug addictions, sexual perversions, etc.). However, since such

- practices violate God's law, they are no less sins just because medical science calls them "illnesses." They will damn the soul eternally if not repented of, regardless of what medical authorities call them (1 Cor. 6:9–11; Gal. 5:19–21; et al.). God has never required of us anything that we are incapable of doing. We must not be deceived about this matter.
- 3 Rather than setting before man enticements to sin, God gives only good gifts to men (v. 17). He was this way from the beginning and He does not change. In spite of this, men frequently blame God for every sort of tragedy. It is true that He has at times used natural means to physically punish and destroy rebellious men (e.g., the Flood), but these are exceptional cases with stated purposes. The rule is that our God is a benevolent God who gives only good and perfect gifts. Our physical universe, the home, the Bible, His Son, the church, the plan of salvation, and Heaven at last for His faithful ones are examples of his beneficial generosity to mankind. Men charge God foolishly when they blame Him for evil and suffering.

"Be not deceived, my beloved brethren" about these significant Truths.

-- 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!

