

Prayer List

Brian Carver, Ginger Chestnut, Marc Genua, Eleanor Green, Virgil Hale, Betty Harama, Gordon Hatcher, Amy Headrick, Dennis Hogan, Peggy Hogan, Kenny Hughes, Evelyn Hunt, Magaly Orozco, Chris Ragle, Keith Russell, Dolores Snyder, Sam Teasley, Mary York

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, January 10	21/24/19
	Wednesday, January 13	19
Offering	Sunday, January 10	\$1095.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Class	Brad Green
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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & First Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Songs	John Bagwell
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Terry Hurst
Contribution	Keith Keever
Assisting	Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer	Kevin Felker

Sunday Afternoon Worship

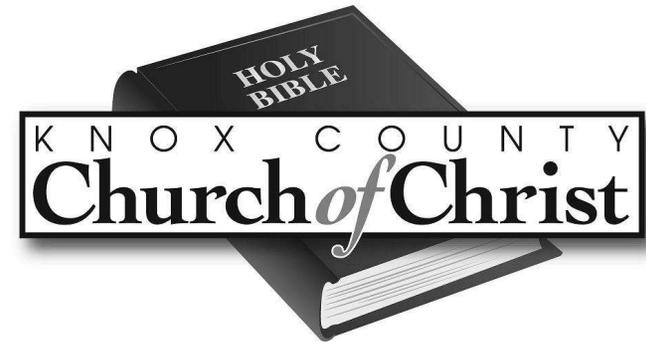
First Prayer	John Bagwell
Songs	Kevin Felker
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Terry Hurst
Closing Prayer	Tommy Sanders

Wednesday Night

Songs	David Snyder
First Prayer	Charles Hatcher
Devotional	Keith Keever
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

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130 Mabry Hood Road
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Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 PM



From The Preacher's Pen

“TURNING TO GOD THE BACK INSTEAD OF THE FACE”

[This article by Lee Moses appeared in the February 10, 2014 Beacon, A Publication of the Bellview Church of Christ in Pensacola, FL]

In the children's movie, *Monsters, Inc.*, there comes a point when the long and close friendship of the two main characters, Mike and Sully, is strained. The young human girl, “Boo,” whom they have befriended, needs help getting home, and needs saving from wicked monsters who would hurt her. But as Sully prepares to go out into a blizzard, Mike angrily tells Sully he will not be joining him. To bring that point home, he turns his back to him and remains in that position until Sully has departed. By turning his back, Mike emphasized that he would not participate in Sully's noble and vital mission and that he was rejecting Sully's friendship.

God tells us that His people of old did something very similar: **“And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face:** though I taught them, rising up early and teaching *them*, yet they **have not hearkened to receive instruction”** (Jer. 32:33).

God had been “rising up early and teaching *them*”; that is, He besought them again and again, earnestly and persistently (Koehler and Baumgartner). God continually showed His care and concern for Israel. Yet, they responded by ignoring God's prophets and following other “gods.”

This is what God called “turn[ing] unto me the back.” Turning one's back on another shows unconcern for the other person, at best. Often, it is a sign of spite and utter rejection. This is exactly what Israel's actions showed about their

attitude toward God.

What about us? Are we turning our backs or our faces? As a nation, we are increasingly encouraging atrocious wickedness, including the murder of unborn children and the legal sanctioning of sodomy as “marriage.” Our nation publicly ignores God and His Word, whereas George Washington's Thanksgiving proclamation reminded us, “it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor.”

The church, Christ's bride, body, and kingdom, intended to continue the mission Christ began, has in many places been overcome by worldliness and compromise. Instead of seeking the favor of God, they turn their backs on Him to seek the plaudits of men (cf. John 5:44; Gal. 1:10). Just as Mike rejected participation in Sully's mission and rejected his best friend's friendship, the church does the same to God.

It all begins with each of us. Let us be sure we are not turning our backs to God, and let us turn to Him our faces. **“Turn us again, O God of hosts, And cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved”** (Psa. 80:7).

Work Cited

Koehler, Ludwig and Walter Baumgartner. *The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*. ed. Johann Jakob Stam, trans. M.E.J. Richardson, CD-ROM ed. (Leiden: Brill, 1994), BibleWorks, v.9; s.v. Vku

-- *Lee Moses*

Welcome Visitors!

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!

