

Prayer List

- Amy Headrick remains in NHC Farragut for rehab after hip replacement surgery
- Ginger Chesnut has received a bone marrow transplant to help combat her cancer
- Terry Hurst had a biopsy this week and is awaiting results
- David and Teresa Snyder are in the D.C. area awaiting the birth of a new grandchild

The Numbers

Attendance:	Sunday, April 3	21/21/21
	Wednesday, April 6	21
Contribution:	Sunday, April 3	\$1045

Serving List

Sunday Morning:

Prayer Before Sunday Class:	Terry Hurst
Announcements & Prayer:	Kevin Felker
Song Leader:	John Bagwell
Sermon:	Brad Green
Lord's Table:	Tommy Sanders
Contribution:	Keith Kever
Assist:	Donald Shipley
Closing Prayer:	Charles Hatcher

Sunday Afternoon:

Song Leader:	Kevin Felker
First Prayer:	Barry Simmons
Sermon:	Brad Green
Lord's Table:	Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer:	John Bagwell

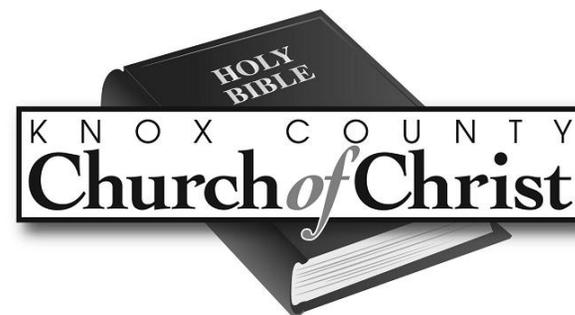
Wednesday Evening:

Song Leader:	Keith Kever
First Prayer:	Barry Simmons
Devotional:	David Snyder
Closing Prayer:	Donald Shipley

Next Men's Meeting: May 2, 2016

Knox County Church of Christ
P.O. Box 22441
Knoxville, TN 37933

April 10, 2016



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Meeting Location

130 Mabry Hood Road
Suite 102
Knoxville, TN 37922
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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



Pen Points from God's Word
The Joy of Spiritual Growth

In Phil. 3:12-21 Paul sets forth seven important principles that will enable us to experience the joy of spiritual growth. They describe the attitudes with which Paul approached his service to God and suggest some worthy goals for all of us.

We need a consciousness of imperfection.

After serving God for over twenty-five years Paul could have said, "I have nowhere to go, I cannot advance in the faith." Rather he said, "I have not yet become perfect." And so like Paul we need to approach our lives as Christians with that same humility.

We need to make excellence a priority.

We live in a society of the urgent. Thousands of things scream for our attention and time; but only one thing is important. We need to stop and take time to reflect upon what we are doing with our lives! What is our priority and what is our ultimate goal?

We need to forget the past and live in the present.

Paul did not allow his past life to cause him to wallow in self-pity and inactivity; nor did he allow his accomplishments to lead him to a state of self-exaltation. If anyone could have ever said, "I've done enough" it would have been Paul. Yet Paul remained concerned about the present and keeping his focus on the goal that he established for his life and said: "I press on....".

We need to look for further enlightenment

If we want our joy to grow, we need to make it a priority to listening to God's voice every way we can. We should try to spend time in Bible study every day. I should be a personal goal for every Christian. Paul speaks of how through earnest pursuit of righteousness God will continue to reveal his will to us.

We need to practice what we have learned.

When we approach the word of God for study, we need to let it have its transforming power in our lives. Essential to our spiritual growth is the application of God's word in our lives. When we mold our lives to conform to God's word, we are on the right path for growth and success in our walk as His children. We should also talk with God and ask for His guidance and His help in maintaining our lives in accordance with His will. As we do that, we find renewed encouragement and power to live as we have prayed!

We need to model ourselves after godly people.

As we proceed through life we need the encouragement of others who live the life of a Christian well. We need to develop relationships with others who are spiritually and with whom we can share our faith. Paul urges the Philippians to make him and those like him mentors in their lives: "...join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us".

We need to consider where our course takes us.

From time to time we need to stop and ask ourselves, "Where is the course I am on taking

me?" When we follow our own desires and mind earthly things, we are headed for destruction! Jeremiah the prophet said, "It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps". We must let God direct our lives, provide the guidance and direction we need so that we can be pleasing to Him and growing spiritually. When we live as a citizen of heaven, listening to the commands of our king, we can look to the future with hope and optimism. "Our citizenship is in heaven from which we eagerly await the Savior...", Paul says.

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Welcome Visitors

Thank you for visiting with us today. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card and we hope you can stay for a few minutes after services to give us an opportunity to greet you personally and get to know you better. Feel free to ask questions about what we teach and practice in our services. We would be happy to study with you.

