

## Prayer List

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Brian Carver, Ginger Chesnut, Marc Genua, Eleanor Green, Virgil Hale, Ron Hall, Betty Harama, Gordon Hatcher, Kenny Hughes, Evelyn Hunt, Jim Kays, Magaly Orozco, Chris Ragle, Keith Russell, Dolores Snyder, Mary York

- Amy Headrick went home from NHC on Thursday
- Sarah Johnson's grandson Benjamin's surgery went well this past week
- Terry Hurst had more tests on Friday and will be seeing a surgeon this week

## The Numbers

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Attendance: Sunday, April 17 21/25/20  
Wednesday, April 20 19  
Contribution: Sunday, April 17 \$1186

## Serving List

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### Sunday Morning:

Prayer Before Sunday Class: Kevin Felker  
Announcements & Prayer: David Snyder  
Song Leader: John Bagwell  
Sermon: Brad Green  
Lord's Table: Barry Simmons  
Contribution: Charles Hatcher  
Assist: Donald Shipley  
Closing Prayer: Keith Kever

### Sunday Afternoon:

Song Leader: *Singing*  
First Prayer: Tommy Sanders  
Sermon: Brad Green  
Lord's Table: Barry Simmons  
Closing Prayer: Terry Hurst

### Wednesday Evening:

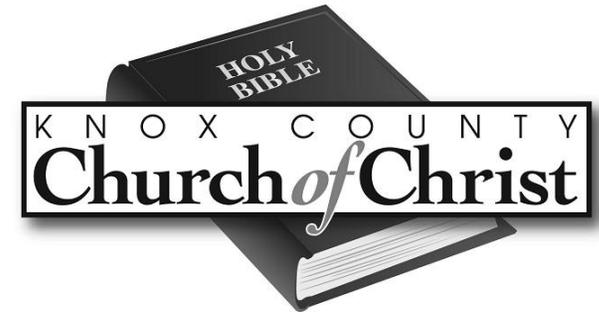
Song Leader: John Bagwell  
First Prayer: Tommy Sanders  
Devotional: Keith Kever  
Closing Prayer: David Snyder

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**Next Men's Meeting: May 2, 2016**

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

April 24, 2016



<http://www.knoxcoc.com>

### Meeting Location

130 Mabry Hood Road  
Suite 102  
Knoxville, TN 37922  
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### Schedule of Services

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#### 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

*Are you one of God's people?*

The apostle Peter begins his first epistle with a detailed description of who God's people are.

*"Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens...who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, that you may obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in fullest measure" (1 Pet. 1:1-2).*

### **God's people are those selected by the Father.**

God knew before the foundation of the world that He would redeem fallen men through the death of His Son on the cross. Peter affirms that Jesus was *"foreknown before the foundation of the world but has appeared in these last times"* for the salvation of man (1 Pet. 1:20). In keeping with His foreknowledge, God determined that only those who enter into an obedient relationship with Christ could be saved. They are *"the elect"* or His chosen ones.

### **God's people are those sanctified by the Spirit.**

God's people are called to Him through the teaching of the Holy Spirit. When sinners respond to the gospel they are devoted to or set apart for God's service. This sanctification is not in an overwhelming emotional experience separate from the word of God, but it is shown by a life of faith and obedience

to the gospel of Christ. The Holy Spirit sanctifies sinners through the truth (Jn. 17:17).

### **God's people are those sprinkled by the blood of Christ.**

The Hebrew writer reminds us of the beginning of the old covenant when Moses sprinkled the book and the people saying *"This is the blood of the covenant which God commanded you"* (Heb. 9:19- 20). So in a similar way those who come to Christ enter into a new covenant established by the shed blood of Christ (Mt. 26:28). By this blood, *"as of a lamb unblemished and spotless"*, they are redeemed from sin (1 Pet. 1:17), having their *"hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience"* and their *"bodies washed with pure water"* (Heb. 10:22).

### **God's people are those submissive to the commands of Jesus.**

Those who believe that Jesus died for their sins will gladly hand over control of their lives to Him. They will repent of their sins and be baptized in Jesus' name (Ac. 2:38). In doing so, they will have *"purified their souls in obedience to the truth"*. They are the ones who have been *"born again...by the living and abiding word of God"* (1 Pet. 1:22- 23).

### **God's people are those sojourning on earth.**

Those who have obeyed the gospel are no longer a part of the devil's domain or world, rather, their citizenship is in heaven from which they look for their Savior (Phil. 3:20). And so they are "aliens and strangers" here on earth (1 Pet. 2:11). A true Christian is not living for this world but for the one to come.

## Are you one of God's people?

If so, you possess a living hope through the resurrected Savior. There is an *"inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and that fades not away, reserved in heaven for you"* (1 Pet. 1:3-5). If not, let us study with you so that you can learn how to become one of the Lord's people! KF

*"It is impossible to govern the world without God"*  
--George Washington

## 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.*

