



Ladies' Corner

Ladies Bible Class: Will be held today during the men's business meeting. We will be studying Lot's wife. All ladies are welcome to attend.

Spring Cleaning: We will meet at the building on Sat, May 31 at 11:00 am to give it a thorough cleaning. ☺

Fellowship: Let's get together Sat, June 7 at 11:00 am at the building for some much needed fellowship. Bring a bag lunch. All ladies are welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Men's Business Meeting:** Today after services

June Birthdays:

1st – Vivian Nick
7th – Rod Boucher
11th – Jan Sampson
14th – Ariana Nick
20th – Caren Nick
21st – Nathaniel Hios

Happy Anniversary:

Scott & Alison — 3rd
Paul & Sandy — 5th
Eric & Janice — 14th

SNACKS!

May 25: Betty
June 1: Amber

Ladies Bread Ministry

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"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." — Acts 4:12

Order of Worship

"So let us come near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith...."

- Hebrews 10:22 -

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*
~ Mark 5:21-43 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
George Nick & Wayne Sampson

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Our Disappointments and
God's Appointments"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Terry Schmidt

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Greeter: *Nate and/or Rebecca Hios*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Terry Kennedy*

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**May 25, 2014**

## Sunday Assembly Times:

9:30 am - Bible Classes for all ages  
10:30 am—Worship  
6:00—Bible Study

## Wednesday Assembly:

7:00 - Bible Study for all ages

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## Prayer Requests:

- Anthony: due to a recurring infection in the neck/cyst area, surgery has been put on hold for now until the infection clears; please pray that the needed surgery will happen soon for cyst & adenoid removal and the placement of new ear drain tubes
- Bob - at MMC to have 3/4 of the second toe on his right foot surgically removed because of serious infection; will go back to River Ridge (perhaps today) to continue rehab; shoulder healing well; also has COPD
- Sharon Giunta - liver & intestinal cancer
- Helen Harriman - breast cancer
- Mary (Kathy's mom) - severe lower back pain; having surgical procedure on May 28th
- Paul & Sandy - Paul at River Ridge doing well & making steady progress. Sandy is back at River Ridge and doing much better; pray for hip replacement surgery once doctors determine her infection is completely gone
- Philip - prayers to find a good, solid job
- Priscilla (Kathy's friend) - stomach cancer
- Teal & Mike - for a normal pregnancy; that the baby will be healthy in all respects; baby is due anytime now!
- Henry & Karolyn - for safe travel as they drive to our area for the summer
- Haydn Wells - healing from appendectomy
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today

**Note:** Items not regularly updated will be removed at the end of each month. Thank you.

"Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness and righteousness, answer me." - *Psalm 143:1*

Numbers for 5/18/14

Attendance - 18

Contribution - \$735.

## Interruptions, Delays, Difficulties and Disappointments

My job as a bus driver is largely defined by safely piloting 34,500 pounds of hi-tech rolling machinery on an established route and staying on a set schedule—not running behind. Therefore, any obstacles causing delays in the schedule or interruptions causing a deviation from the set routine is usually not welcomed. Most of us live lives that are ordered by schedules or run by routine. We're busy. We're driven. We have places to go and things to do. Important things—at least to us. Interruptions, delays and disappointments may be a part of life, but they are often hard to accept because they are annoying, frustrating and irritating. We would much rather not have to deal with them. But deal with them we must. When faced with these inevitable trying circumstances, it is important for us to remember who we are.

During His earthly ministry, Jesus had much to do and lots to accomplish in those three short years. He was busy doing the most important work that would ever be done. And we see in the Gospels that He was often interrupted and delayed while doing His vitally important work. How do we see Jesus handling these unscheduled interruptions? He always handled them with grace, dignity and calm. But the disciples, in whom we often see ourselves, were a different matter. We see them at times getting impatient and even indignant.

In Matthew 19:14 we read that little children were being brought to Jesus so that He could place His hands on them and pray for them. Probably something that was not in the daily planner. The disciple's reaction? They rebuked those who brought the children to Jesus! In Matthew 15:21-23 we see Jesus and His disciples in need of some privacy and rest (ever been there?). But a desperate Canaanite woman desiring to have her demon-possessed daughter healed persistently begged the Lord for His help. The disciples obviously regarded this as an inconvenience and the woman as a nuisance saying to Jesus, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

These words reveal no apparent concern for the needy woman or her desperate situation. They just wanted to get rid of her and not be bothered.

Are we that way sometimes? When presented with interruptions, delays, difficulties and disappointments (which never come at a convenient time), do we reveal an attitude of impatience, irritability and unconcern? With God's help, let's try to do better in this area. Let's follow the example of Jesus who always responded to these difficulties with grace, dignity and calm—and then turned them into opportunities for ministry. People were His business. And they should be ours too. "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you [do] for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you [do] for me'." (Matthew 25:40)

— Terry Schmidt ✍



## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR JUNE

Opening Prayer:

Tony Grant

Scripture Reading:

George Nick

The Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson & Terry Schmidt

Closing Prayer: George Nick

Greeter: George and/or Caren Nick

Lord's Supper Prep: Susana Kazel

## ☺ Welcome Visitors! ☺

We are glad you have come to worship with us today. We want you to know that you are welcome. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions or if we can help you in any way. Please fill out a visitor's card and sign our guest book before you depart. Have a great week!

