

Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another" — James 5:16

- Bethany Boucher - requests prayers for her Christian walk & a better attitude toward others; also asking for God's guidance concerning the right job for her
- Alix Brucker (Janice's 14 year old nephew) - undergoing treatment at a rehab center
- Bob Cook - overall health concerns
- Diane Cote - dealing with chronic pain
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - gaining strength and doing better. Thanks to all for help & prayers.
- Erik Grabowski - requests prayers to find a new job; Janice has already found one
- George & Caren Nick - family struggles
- Ernie Perry - complications from COPD issues
- Don Pfeiffer (husband of Terry Kennedy's close friend) - cancer has been removed from bladder; maintenance treatments continue
- Lesley Hamblin (Rebecca's friend) - pray that a Bible study with her will come to pass
- Michele (Susana's sister) - being scheduled for a Catheter Ablation heart procedure
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also suffers with diabetes
- Jan Sampson - chronic & severe hip pain; hip replacement surgery scheduled for Sep 15th
- Ron Sanborn (Terry K's dear friend from the Church of Christ in Conway) - throat cancer; undergoing chemo & radiation therapy
- Sandra Schmidt (Terry & Betty's daughter in law) - in USAF deployed to the Middle East
- Karolyn Terrill - now healing at home, gaining strength and doing well
- Karlee Wells - dealing with chronic pain
- Amber Williams - suffered a slipped disc in her back recently; currently undergoing PT

"Pray without ceasing" — 1 Thess 5:17

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



Temptation

Jesus taught, "Watch and pray, that you enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matt 26:41). Temptation can be simply and generally defined as an enticement to sin. This does not come from God. "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God.' For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone (James 1:13). Temptation comes from the master tempter (Matt 4:3; 1 Thess 3:5), also known as the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan (Rev 20:2). And we are not to be ignorant of his devices (2 Cor 2:11).

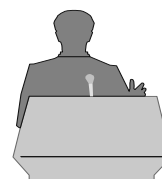
James provides a good understanding of the mechanics and method of temptation (James 1:14-15). Satan appeals to our lust (wrong desire; a longing for what is forbidden). He seeks to entice, draw us away and lead us on by exciting our desire, using an attractive lure, which promises pleasure or some other reward. Thayer notes that the metaphor of being drawn away and enticed "is taken from hunting and fishing: as game is lured from its covert, so man by lust is allured from the safety of self-restraint to sin." To effectively counter this ever-present threat, Jesus tells us to "watch and pray."

To "watch" means to remain alert, keeping your spiritual guard up. Ephesians 5:15 says, "See then that you walk circumspectly" (carefully, attentively, looking around in all directions—360 degrees). In other words, we are to maintain our spiritual vigilance at all times, being quick to detect temptation when it comes our way.

Watching helps us recognize temptation, praying helps us resist it. When we pray, we are saying (without actually verbalizing it) that we depend on God and seek His wisdom, guidance and strength. "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might" (Eph 6:10). When we pray, we are accessing the power of Almighty God! This is why "Satan trembles when he sees, the weakest saint upon his knees!"

Jesus acknowledges that our flesh is weak and makes allowance for this (1 John 1:9). "For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust" (Psalm 103:14). You and I just need be sure that our spirit is indeed willing!

— Terry Schmidt ✍



Gospel Meeting

Sept 20 — 23

with Brent Newton

Invite your family,
friends and neighbors!

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Gander Brook Ladies Retreat

September 17-19

Gospel Meeting with Brent Newton

September 20-23

Gander Brook Men's Retreat

September 24-26



Faith is seen in our actions. Lord, help me to be ready at any time to be Your hands and feet to those in need. (see Jas 2:14-24)



Our Deepest Sympathy

Our sincerest condolences are extended to Kathleen Judkins and family as they grieve the loss of Richard who passed away Friday, September 4th.

May God's steadfast presence and tender compassion provide strength and comfort to these dear ones during this difficult time of grief and loss. ✝



Ladies' Corner

Ladies Meeting: The ladies will meet during the men's business meeting today. We have much to discuss.

Nursing Home: Our next visit to the nursing home will be Wednesday, September 9th. We meet there at 9:30 am. The residents are very encouraged by our visits.

Ladies Nite: will be at Terry Kennedy's on Saturday, October 10, 2015 from 4 pm to 8 pm.

September Birthdays



14th – Kathy Rader

15th – Alison Colvin

18th - Karlee Wells

28th – Bethany Boucher



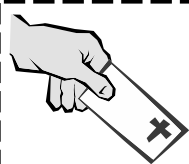
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Men's Business Meeting: TODAY
- Next Potluck Fellowship: Sep 20th

SNACKS!

Sept 6: Nancy

Sept 13: Sandy



Numbers for 8/30/15

Attendance - 26

Contribution - \$478.

☺ 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 before you depart.

Order of Worship

September 6, 2015

*"I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live:
I will sing praise to my God while I have
my being. My meditation of Him shall be
sweet: I will be glad in the Lord."*

~ Psalm 104:33-34 ~

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Paul Cote*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*

~ Matthew 4:1-11 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson & Tony Grant

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"Dealing With Temptation"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

George Nick

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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*We love Him, because  
He first loved us.  
- 1 John 4:19 -*

**September 6, 2015**

## Sunday Assembly Times:

9:30 am — Bible Class

10:30 am — Worship

6:00 — Bible Study

## Wednesday Assembly:

7:00 — Bible Study

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