

## 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
- Lesley Hamblin (Rebecca's friend) - pray that a Bible study with her will come to pass
- Rebekah McGarey (Terry & Betty's daughter) - ruptured appendix with an abscess; having surgery once abscess is completely drained
- 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.

## The God-Shaped Vacuum

Whenever there's a malfunction with a piece of equipment, a technician will use the owner's or manufacturer's manual to identify the apparent symptoms and match them to probable causes in an effort to determine the source of the problem. No one knows the equipment better than the one who designed and built it.

Modern man continues to address only the *symptoms* of man's afflictions, maladies, and disorders instead of finding the *cause* of these symptoms. This is because man refuses to acknowledge the Divine Designer and Creator who made us in His image, according to His likeness (Gen 1:26).

Although God gave us physical bodies to exist for a time on His earth, He made us spiritual beings with an eternal soul. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Gen 2:7). Scripture reveals that God "has put eternity in their hearts" (Ecc 3:11).

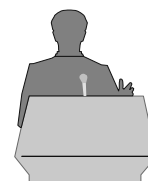
A quote that has been attributed to both St. Augustine and Blaise Pascal puts it well: "There is a God shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus." This vacuum is known in New Testament Greek as the *koilia* —the void, the empty, the inmost being. The *koilia* was designed *by* God to be filled *with* God.

Since modern man will not even acknowledge God as God or as his creator, he prevents this void from being filled with God. And so, he fills it with everything you could imagine. But these things bring only temporary relief to the pain of emptiness and do not satisfy the deep longings of the soul.

No one knows us better than the One who designed and created us. The solution to modern man's emptiness and inner hunger is found only in the Living Water and the Bread of Life—Jesus Christ (John 4:14; 6:35).

This is the Gospel of our salvation (Rom 1:16; Eph 1:13). And this is Good News! Modern man needs to hear and heed the words of Jesus: "Repent, and believe the Gospel!" (Mark 1:15).

— 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



## POINTS TO PONDER:

*God uses ordinary people to carry out His extraordinary plan.*



## 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.

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

Nursing Home: Our next visit to the nursing home will be Wednesday, October 21st. We meet there at 9:30 am. The residents are very encouraged by our visits.

## September Birthdays



14th – Kathy Rader

15th – Alison Colvin

18th - Karlee Wells

28th – Bethany Boucher



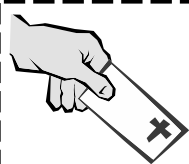
## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

# SNACKS!

Sept 13: Sandy

Sept 20: Terry K



Numbers for 9/6/15

Attendance - 25

Contribution - \$938.

☺ 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 13, 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*

~ Isaiah 55:1-2; 6-7 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:

*Wayne Sampson & Tony Grant*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"The Void Within"

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 13, 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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