

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 - health concerns
- Diane Cote - dealing with chronic pain
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - health concerns
- Janice Grabowski - requests prayers to find a new job; Erik begins his new job this week
- 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) - had surgery recently to remove a ruptured appendix and abscess; recovering slowly
- Michele (Susana's sister) - scheduled for a catheter ablation heart procedure on 10/1
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also suffers with diabetes
- Jan Sampson - had hip-replacement surgery on Sep 15 which went well; home doing PT
- 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; should be coming home sometime in Oct
- 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; 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.

Fit for the Master's Use

In 2 Timothy 2:20, the Apostle Paul uses a familiar metaphor to describe God's servants—*vessels*. The Zondervan Bible Dictionary defines the word "vessel" employed in this verse as "a person used as an instrument of God's will." That's a great definition! God desires to use us as vessels for His glory, as instruments in His hands to accomplish His good purpose.

Specifically in this verse, Paul contrasts two distinct categories of household vessels: those of gold and silver—for *honor*, and those of wood and clay—for *dishonor*. Most of us would want to be included in the *honor* category. But in order for this to happen, we must cooperate with God and cleanse ourselves from something (v. 21).

"Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity" (v. 19). *"Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with a pure heart"* (v. 22).

When we render obedience to God in this all important area of our lives, the Scripture says we will be "a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work" (v. 21) — vessels used as instruments of God's will to accomplish His good purpose and bring Him glory (Ephesians 3:20-21).

The Random House College Dictionary defines vessel as: "a container; a person regarded as a holder or receiver of a particular trait or quality." This too is a great definition! We are "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Pet 1:4), Christ lives in us (Gal 2:20), and we are to be "filled with the Spirit" (Eph 5:18).

In addition, according to 2 Corinthians 4:7, "We have this treasure in earthen vessels." And what is this treasure? The preceding verses indicate that it is the saving gospel of Christ. Because we are privileged to be entrusted with this precious treasure, it is imperative that we "cleanse ourselves" and become "a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work!" — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR OCTOBER

Opening Prayer: Terry Schmidt

Scripture Reading: Paul Cote

Lord's Supper:

George Nick & Wayne Sampson

Announcements/Prayer: Tony Grant

Lord's Supper Prep: Betty Schmidt

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Augusta Church 65th Anniversary

Singing, fellowship, fun & food

Today at 2 PM

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

- Acts 16:30 -

Hear the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Rom 10:14,17

Believe [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31
Heb 11:6

Repent of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30

Confess Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37;
Rom 10:8-10

Be baptized - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16;
1 Pet 3:21

Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; 10:22; Heb 5:9;
Rev 2:10

"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

☺ 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.



Ladies' Corner

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.



Birthdays



28th – Bethany Boucher
10th — Keith Wells
14th — Haydn Wells
18th — Robyn Mackey
21st — Clara Clark
26th – Nancy Campbell-Jones
28th – Terry Kennedy

Happy Anniversary:

Wayne & Jan Sampson — 9th

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Men's Business Meeting: October 4th
- Potluck Fellowship: October 11th

SNACKS!

Sept. 27: Jan
Oct. 4: Betty

- Gospel Meeting Attendance -

9/20/15 AM	28
9/20/15 PM	15
9/21/15	29
9/22/15	20
9/23/15	28

Contribution for 9/20/15 -- \$520.

Order of Worship

September 27, 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*
- 2 Timothy 2:20-21 -

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Wayne Sampson & Tony Grant

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"A Vessel Fit for the Master's Use"

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 27, 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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