



Ladies' Corner

Ladies Meeting: Sunday, May 17th after services during the men's meeting.

Happy Anniversary:

Rod & Shirley Boucher — 4/28

Blake & Amber Williams — 5/13

Bob Catalano & Susana Kazel — 5/17



May Birthdays:



9th — Arilyn Nick

12th — Tony Grant

15th — Anthony Williams

16th — Betty Schmidt

18th — Martha Shaffer

23rd — Hunter Wells

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Due to Mother's Day being the second Sunday, our next pot luck will be May 17th
- **Men's Business Meeting:** Will be held May 17th, after pot luck fellowship

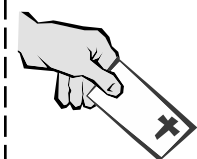
SNACKS!

April 26: Sandy

May 3: Terry K



*What was ruined by sin in Eden
will be fully restored in Heaven.*
(Gen. 3:1-19; Rev. 22:1-3)



Numbers for 4/19/15

Attendance - 23
Contribution - \$311.

Order of Worship

April 26, 2015

*"Serve the LORD with gladness: come
before His presence with singing....
Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
and into His courts with praise!"*
- Psalm 100:2,4 -

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Tony Grant*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*
~ Joshua 7:1-13 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Wayne Sampson & Terry Schmidt

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"The Setback at Ai"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Nick

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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

**April 26, 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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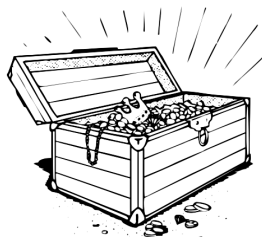
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## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"* — James 5:16

- 3-year old Aubree - lost her mom less than a year ago; diagnosed with Leukemia
- Bob Cook - overall health concerns
- Gagnons - Paul—going to River Ridge for OT, PT, & Speech, Social & Nuero-Psychology therapies 2 or 3 days per week. Sandy—feet are stable but still has to limit time spent on them; now walking with a cane and driving!
- Evangeline (George's 96 year old mother) - has Alzheimer's; struggling with depression
- Rebecca Hios - requests prayers as a new partner is selected where she works
- George & Caren Nick - family struggles; pray Caren gets needed documents for her trip
- Tom Olbricht - heart operation was a success
- Ernie & Wealthie Perry - health concerns
- Priscilla (Kathy's friend) - stomach cancer
- Kathy Rader - recovering from a flare up of diverticulitis; experiencing numbness in face & other areas
- Jan Sampson - chronic & severe hip pain
- Wayne Sampson - severe pain in right knee; candidate for knee replacement surgery
- Sandra Schmidt (Terry & Betty's daughter in law) - in USAF deployed to the Middle East
- Lou Smith (Karolyn's 64 yr old cousin) - has stomach cancer and is now in Hospice Care; please keep husband Jerry & family in prayer
- Henry & Karolyn Terrill - prayers for safe travel to Maine from Arkansas; if all goes well, should be arriving around May 10th
- Karlee Wells - suffering with chronic pain
- Blake Williams - still feeling some lingering neurological effects of the Lyme Disease
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today

*"Pray without ceasing"* — 1 Thess 5:17



## Achan's Sin

God solemnly warned that anyone taking spoils from Jericho would "make the camp of Israel liable to destruction and bring trouble on it" (Joshua 6:18-19). As with the first sin in the Garden of Eden, Achan committed the "sin of commission" by deliberately doing that which God had specifically forbidden, bringing trouble on all Israel and himself.

Just as Adam & Eve were unsuccessful in trying to hide from God, Achan's attempt to hide his sin by burying that which he had taken was an effort in futility. And, any attempt you and I might make to hide our sins from God will be just as futile. Because, "the eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good" (Pro 15:3).

Achan transgressed God's will by coveting those Ai treasures which were devoted to the Lord and then took the articles as his own. In doing this, he succumbed to wrong desire and ended up actually robbing God. Achan obeyed his selfish desire for worldly treasures rather than obeying the will of God. This is a category we do not want to be in!

As with the first temptation in the garden, the *consequences* of yielding to personal desire and not doing God's will were not even remotely considered. And just as Adam & Eve's sin affected the entire human race, Achan's sin affected the whole nation of Israel when they failed to conquer the city of Ai. God withdrew His divine support because there was sin in the camp. Ultimately, Achan and his whole family ended up reaping the irrevocable consequences of his sin. We fool ourselves when we think our sin only affects us.

The Lord gave Achan time to repent, but he never came forward on his own. He acknowledged his sin only after being identified through a divine process of elimination (Joshua 7:14-21). As the Scripture says, "Be sure your sin will find you out! (Numbers 32:23).

Achan's deliberate disobedience challenged the authority of Almighty God before Israel. The severity of his sentence reveals just how seriously God regards sin. Achan's harsh punishment sent a strong message to Israel, and sends one to us as well. — Terry Schmidt ✍

It is our pleasure to announce that

**Paul & Diane Cote** desire to place membership here. We are pleased to have these

precious souls worship with us and warmly welcome them to our spiritual family! ☺





### WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR MAY

Opening Prayer: George Nick  
Scripture Reading: George Nick  
Lord's Supper:  
Tony Grant & Wayne Sampson  
Announcements/Prayer: Wayne Sampson  
Lord's Supper Prep: Jan Sampson

☺ 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!

