

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 - doing better, but still dealing with an infection
- 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; left shoulder pain, requires surgery
- Lesley Hamblin (Rebecca's friend) - pray that a Bible study with her will come to pass
- Jeffery (7 year old) - advanced leukemia; very sick due to aggressive chemo treatments
- Rebekah McGarey (Terry & Betty's daughter) - recovering from a recent appendectomy
- Michele (Susana's sister) - had a catheter ablation heart procedure on 10/1
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also suffers with diabetes
- Jan Sampson - making good progress with PT after hip-replacement surgery last month
- Sandra Schmidt (Terry & Betty's daughter in law) - in USAF deployed to the Middle East; should be coming home sometime in Oct
- Haydn Wells - wearing an event monitor due to a racing heart-beat with pain in his chest; seeing a cardiologist October 16
- Karlee Wells - dealing with chronic pain; experiencing severe vertigo due to post concussive syndrome from injuries last school year
- Amber Williams - suffered a slipped disc in her back; currently undergoing PT

"Pray without ceasing" — 1 Thess 5:17

The Nature and Character of God

In the middle of the second century A.D. a teacher by the name of Marcion saw a conflict between the God of the Old Testament and Jesus. He believed that God, as revealed in the Old Testament, was harsh, cruel and even vindictive. He saw these "evil" tendencies as a stark contradiction to the life and teachings of Jesus as revealed in the New Testament. As a result, Marcion chose to exclude whole books of the New Testament of which he disapproved and even rejected certain verses he disagreed with in the books he included in his canon of Scripture. As you may have guessed, Marcion's teachings caused problems in the church and he was eventually denounced as a heretic.

God said through His prophet Malachi, "I the Lord do not change" (Malachi 3:6). While we do live under a different covenant, the God of the Old Testament *is* the God of the New Testament as well. He is immutable, constant and consistent. He does not change. The Book of Hebrews affirms, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (13:8).

One of the names of Jesus is Immanuel, meaning "God with us" (Matt 1:23). Jesus said, "I and My Father are one" (John 10:30). "The Word was *with* God, and the Word *was* God" (John 1:1). "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...." (John 1:14). Jesus is God in the flesh. He came to this earth to show us God.

During His earthly ministry, Jesus clearly demonstrated the nature and character of God (Heb 1:3). He revealed God's steadfast love (Rom 5:8; 1 John 4:9-10), tender mercy (Matt 14:14; John 8:10-11), heartfelt compassion and depth of feeling toward His creation (Mark 6:34; John 11:35).

Marcion was dead wrong. God is not harsh, cruel or vindictive. But He *is* just. He will hold everyone personally accountable for what they do (Rom 14:11-12; 2 Cor 5:10) and He must punish sin (Rom 2:5-6; 2 Thess 1:6-9).

But He takes no pleasure in doing this (Ezek 18:23). "The Lord is...not willing that *any* should perish but that *all* should come to repentance" (2 Pet 3:9). God loves us and gave His Son to die for us, "to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be *just* and the *justifier* of the one who has faith in Jesus" (Rom 3:26).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

"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



Trading things that will soon come to an end for glory that will last forever is a wise and good investment. In the resurrection, a life that has been lived in behalf of Christ and others is seed for an eternity we will never regret. Give us courage, Father, to live by choices that show the difference the love of Jesus makes in our lives. Help us not to trade away eternal values for temporary convenience and comfort.

😊 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!





Ladies' Corner

Ladies Meeting: Ladies will meet today during the men's meeting.

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.



October Birthdays



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:

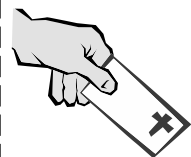
- Men's Business Meeting: TODAY
- Potluck Fellowship: October 11th

SNACKS!

Oct. 4: Betty

Oct. 11: Shirley

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Numbers for 9/27/15

Attendance - 20

Contribution - \$293.

Order of Worship

October 4, 2015

"Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory!"

~ Revelation 19:6-7 ~

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Terry Schmidt*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Paul Cote*

~ Joshua 21:43-45 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:

George Nick & Wayne Sampson

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

*"God is Specific, Thorough,
Consistent and Fair"*

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

Tony Grant

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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 -*

**October 4, 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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