



Ladies' Corner

Ladies Meeting: Today, after services, during the men's meeting.

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

Lakes Region Ladies Day: Saturday, May 16th, from 9:00-3:00. Speaker: Sharon Gardner



Birthdays:

April 14th – Jean Gortot

Happy Anniversary:

Keith & Karlee Wells — 4/20

Rod & Shirley Boucher — 4/28

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Welcome Back Susana!** ☺ (and Bob!) You were missed!
- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Today, after services
- **Men's Business Meeting:** Today, after pot luck fellowship

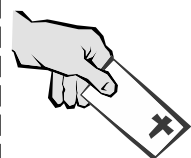
SNACKS!

April 12: Shirley

April 19: Nancy

As followers of Jesus, our faith in Him should be mirrored through our actions.

(See James 2:17)



Numbers for 4/5/15

Attendance - 23
Contribution - \$645.

Order of Worship

April 12, 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: *Terry Schmidt*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Tony Grant*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Wayne Sampson & Terry Schmidt

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Nate Hios*

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 12, 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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## 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—recovering from UTI; skin condition is raising havoc with itching hard to control; 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; practicing using a cane climbing her front stairs and getting into her car
- Evangeline (George's 96 year old mother) - has Alzheimer's; struggling with depression
- Rebecca Hios - 3 candidates interviewed for new working partner; 2 chosen to come back for morning meetings on Wed and Fri
- George & Caren Nick - family struggles; pray Caren gets needed documents for her trip
- 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; seeing doctor this month
- Ian Sampson (Wayne & Jan's grandson) - healing well from a severely cut thumb
- Jan Sampson - chronic & severe hip pain
- Wayne Sampson - severe pain in right knee; candidate for knee replacement surgery
- 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



## Are we still amazed at Jesus?

A family gathers around a small table-top console excitedly watching a snowy test-pattern on a 10" black & white television screen. It's 1948 and this appliance is the latest in technology and entertainment. It's new and exciting and they are amazed that this test pattern is being visually transmitted from a broadcast tower many miles away from their home. They feel privileged because only one in ten Americans has seen a television set up to this point. Only 350,000 TV sets are in operation in the USA in 1948. And only 27 Stations in 18 different cities are in full operation.

Contrast this scene with one that occurred 24 years later. In December 1972, the Apollo 17 moon walk preempted regular network programming, and the subsequent capsule splashdown preempted the soap opera "Days of Our Lives." Thousands of viewers called local TV stations and the major networks to complain. We had come a long way from being captivated by a snowy test-pattern on a 10" black & white TV screen, to being bored with watching men walking on the moon! What happened? It seems the "new and exciting" had become familiar, ordinary and routine. Viewers had seen men walking on the moon a number of times since July 21, 1969 and they were no longer amazed. In fact, many were totally uninterested and unconcerned.

Question: Could this happen to you and me with regard to our relationship to Jesus Christ? Can we get to the point where we become so familiar with the gospel story that it no longer interests or excites us? (Rom 1:16; 5:6-10). Do we still feel privileged that our sins have been washed away by the blood of Christ (Acts 22:16; Rev 1:5) and that we are now new creations in Christ? (2 Cor 5:17). Or, has our walk with God become a rather dull, mechanical, unemotional, predictable routine? Are we still amazed at Jesus? Or, are we bored? And do we perhaps take Jesus and what he has done for us for granted much of the time?

Our Lord, "who knows the hearts of all" (Acts 1:24), and "who searches minds and hearts" (Rev 2:23), knows the answer to these questions. And we must be honest in our evaluation of our Christian walk as we "examine ourselves to see whether we are in the faith" (2 Cor 13:5). Christ had to admonish the church in Ephesus to "repent and do the things you did at first" because they had left their first love—the Lord himself (Rev 2:4-6).

May this never be said of us. We never want to lose sight of the fact that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is God's "indescribable gift" to us (2 Cor 9:15). The Son of God who loved us and gave himself for us (Gal 2:20) desires that we put him first (Mt 6:33; Lk 14:26-33) and love him "with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength" (Mk 12:30). May this be our habitual heartfelt practice as we continue to enthusiastically worship and energetically serve the One who died for us. — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

## ~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

### New England Lectures

"Saved to Serve"

May 1-3 at Taunton, MA *Holiday Inn*

Featured Speaker: Dr. Harold Shank

- Registration fee: \$30 -

### Kittery Workshop/Seminar

"Dreaming With Your Eyes Opened"

Saturday, May 16th—Sunday, May 17th.

Speaker: Bill Butterfield, Parkersburg, WV

## ☺ 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.