

Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another" — James 5:16

- Bob Cook - overall health concerns
- Diane Cote - dealing with chronic pain due to suffering with diabetes; fibromyalgia; tendonitis and neuropathy
- LuAnn Harris (sister in Christ & friend of Terry & Betty) - diagnosed with uterine cancer; having a hysterectomy on July 1
- Richard & Kathy Judkins - struggling with serious health issues
- George & Caren Nick - family struggles; Caren's trip to South Africa is now all set!
- Ernie & Wealthie Perry - health concerns
- Don Pfeiffer (husband of Terry Kennedy's close friend) - non-invasive bladder cancer
- Lesley Hamblin (Rebecca's friend) - grieving the loss of her husband Tim; please pray that a Bible study with her will come to pass
- Jan Sampson - chronic & severe hip pain
- Wayne Sampson - right knee replacement surgery was successful; doing well with PT
- Ron Sanborn (Terry K's dear friend from the Church of Christ in Conway) - throat cancer; going to Dana-Farber in Boston on June 30
- Sandra Schmidt (Terry & Betty's daughter in law) - in USAF deployed to the Middle East
- Tatiana (Rebecca's friend) - grieving the loss of a high school friend who died in a crash as a result of her heroin use
- Karolyn Terrill - will have additional medical tests in July
- Karlee Wells - dealing with chronic pain; requests prayers for physical concerns and work issues; struggling in many areas
- Amber Williams - suffered a slipped disc in her back last week; very painful
- Debbie Woodley - suffered a stroke in Feb and is in rehab; still has serious issues
- Please pray for those not with us today

"Pray without ceasing" — 1 Thess 5:17



The Fruit of a Godless Society

Today's activist judges, socialist politicians, and the liberal media use the term "separation of church and state" as though it were in the Constitution. It is not. What is part of the Constitution is the first amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." It was the fear of an establishment of a state religion by the government and the threat that they might "prohibit the free exercise thereof" that President Thomas Jefferson was addressing when he used the phrase in a letter to the Baptist Association of Danbury.

The phrase was resurrected in 1947 by the Supreme Court in the case of *Everson v. Board of Education* where the court stated, "The First Amendment has erected a wall between church and state. That wall must be kept high and impenetrable. We could not approve the slightest breach." We've been hearing this phrase used (or should I say misused) quite frequently ever since. And its meaning, as it is commonly employed today, is directly opposite of what Mr. Jefferson intended.

In 1962, in the case of *Engel v. Vitale*, the Supreme Court made the decision to prohibit prayer in schools. This was followed a year later in 1963 with the *Murray v. Curlett* lawsuit, where a landmark Supreme Court ruling ended official Bible reading in American public schools. Madalyn Murray O'Hair, along with other atheist activists, had essentially expelled God from our schools. And we've been feeling the negative effects ever since as our society moves further and further away from our Creator and His teachings.

The 1973 *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision legalized abortion in this country. And just last Friday (June 26), 5 out of 9 justices pronounced same-sex marriage as the law of the land—countermanding God's holy word, ignoring thousands of years of human history and completely redefining God's original design for marriage.

Both these practices have been packaged and sold as civil rights issues which have brought success to their supporters. But they are moral issues for the Christian, which places them in direct conflict with our deeply held sacred beliefs.

Psalm 33:12 wisely proclaims, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD." This was once true of us. But in today's sophisticated culture, God is deliberately banned from our society and believers are increasingly prohibited from openly acknowledging Him or their Christian faith. As in the days of the Judges, with no spiritual direction or moral guidance, everyone does "as they see fit" (Judges 21:25). Such is the fruit of a godless society. But God always has the last word: "The wicked shall be turned into Hell, and all the nations that forget God (Psalm 9:17).

— Terry Schmidt ✍



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR JULY

Opening Prayer: Paul Cote

Scripture Reading: Tony Grant

Lord's Supper:
George Nick & Henry Terrill

Announcements/Prayer: Wayne Sampson

Lord's Supper Prep: Terry Kennedy

☺ 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

Nursing Home: Our next visit to the nursing home will be Wednesday, July 15th. We meet there at 9:30 am. The residents are very encouraged by our visits.



July Birthdays:

Paul Gagnon - 4th
Karolyn Terrill - 13th
Diane Cote - 24th
Shirley Boucher - 29th



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Men's Business Meeting: July 5
- Congregational Cookout: July 12

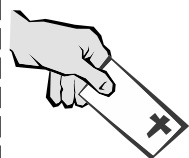
SNACKS!

June 28: Betty
July 5: Shirley

CHURCH COOKOUT



Our next potluck fellowship will be a barbeque at Susana & Bob's on **Sunday, July 12**. Bob will have the grill fired-up and ready-to-go so bring a meat, salad, (or dessert) and drink. Also, please bring your own chair.



Numbers for 6/21/15

Attendance - 33
Contribution - \$727.

Order of Worship

June 28, 2015

"Serve the LORD with gladness: come before His presence with singing. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name."

~ Psalm 100:2, 4 ~

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Nate Hios*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*
~ 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 12-13 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Henry Terrill & Paul Cote

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"The Fruit of a Godless Society"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Tony Grant

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Susana Kazel*

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

**June 28, 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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