

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 - at MMC due to an infection
- Diane Cote - dealing with chronic pain
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - gaining strength and doing better. Thanks to all for help & prayers.
- Erik Grabowski - prayers to find new job have been answered. All glory & praise to God!
- 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 last week to remove a ruptured appendix and abscess; now recovering
- Michele (Susana's sister) - being scheduled for a Catheter Ablation heart procedure
- 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
- 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 recently; 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.

Why Have a Gospel Meeting?

By Marvin Weir

A gospel meeting serves to remind man of the importance of his soul and the necessity of the gospel. The gospel is the most important thing in the world. It is the only power there is to save the soul of man (Rom 1:16). The soul of man is worth more than the entire world (Matt 16:26), thus, the need for the soul to not be lost. The gospel is not dead, and neither is the gospel meeting. So let us consider some reasons for having and supporting a gospel meeting.

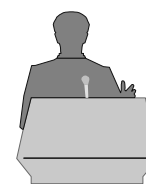
First, a gospel meeting provides an opportunity for people to obey the gospel and save their souls. People who "know not God" and "obey not the gospel" will lose their souls (2 Thess 1:8-9). The soul-saving gospel will be preached and the gospel invitation extended at a gospel meeting.

Second, a gospel meeting will strengthen and encourage the saved. Our support of a gospel meeting suggests that we are concerned about the Word of God. We cannot teach others and are not good examples if the Word of God does not dwell in us richly (Col 3:16). "Faith comes by hearing the Word of God!" (Rom 10:17). A gospel meeting strengthens our faith in God and His Word!

Third, holding a gospel meeting lets the community and our neighbors know where our loyalty and commitment lies. Jesus minced no words in saying, "He that is not with me is against me" (Matt 12:30). It is one thing to say we love the Lord, and another thing to show our love for the Lord. Our stand for the gospel and support of a gospel meeting clearly demonstrates our love for the Lord.

Fourth, a gospel meeting honors the Savior who died on Calvary's cross for His church. The great commission shows the divine interest in proclaiming the gospel message (Matt 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16). People are called to salvation only through the gospel (2 Thess 2:14). Obedience to the gospel saves man from his repented sins (Rom 1:16; Acts 2:38) and gives glory and honor to the head of the church, Christ Jesus (Eph 1:22-23).

Fifth, a gospel meeting affirms that we are not embarrassed by or ashamed of the gospel. In a day when so many either shun or apologize for the gospel, we stand firm "in the word of the truth of the gospel" (Col 1:5). May our "manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ," and may we continue to have an earnest desire to strive "for the faith of the gospel" (Phil 1:27).



Gospel Meeting

Sept 20 — 23

with Brent Newton

Invite your family,
friends and neighbors!

"Christians are like the flowers in a garden, that have each of them the dew of Heaven, which, being shaken with the wind, they let fall at each other's roots, whereby they are jointly nourished, and become nourishers of each other." — John Bunyan

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Gospel Meeting with Brent Newton

September 20-23

Gander Brook Men's Retreat

September 24-26

Augusta Church 65th Anniversary

Singing, fellowship, fun & food
September 27 at 2 PM

☺ 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.

September Birthdays

28th – Bethany Boucher

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Potluck Fellowship: TODAY

SNACKS!

Sept 20: Terry K
Sept. 27: Jan

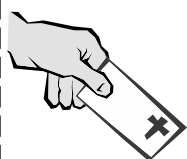


Bible reading is meant not only to inform but also to transform.



BULLETIN ITEMS: If you have a prayer request or an announcement for the bulletin, please contact Terry Schmidt at 284-9191 or e-mail at tls654b@gwi.net

WELCOME BRENT & RESA!



Numbers for 9/13/15

Attendance - 21
Contribution - \$501.

Order of Worship

September 20, 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*

Song

The Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson & Tony Grant

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Brent Newton*

*"Are We Living by Faith
or Walking By Fear?"*

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 20, 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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