

### Birthdays

9th - Kimberly Slaven  
13th - Janice Grabowski  
14th - Robert (Susana's husband)  
14th - Wayne Sampson  
22nd - Ernie Perry

### **Happy Anniversary:**

Paul & Diane — August 3rd  
Nate & Rebecca — August 3rd

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Terry K. will be doing the bulletin while Terry is away. Please forward any info to her until 8/13. (tkek9@yahoo.com)
  - Next Men's Business Meeting: Sunday, August 7th, after services
  - Potluck Fellowship: Sunday, August 31 after services
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### **Ladies' Corner**

Nursing Home: The next nursing home visit will be Tuesday, August 16th, 2016 at 9:30 am.

# Snacks!

July 31: Susana Aug. 7: Janice
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### **Ladies Bread Ministry**

July 31:: Kim  
Aug.7: Shirley

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### **Numbers for 7/24/16**

Attendance - 25  
Contribution - \$525.00

## **Order of Worship**

July 31, 2016

*"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."*

- Psalm 29:2 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Seth Willey*  
~ 1 Peter 5:5-11 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*Wayne Sampson & Jason Kennedy*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: George Nick

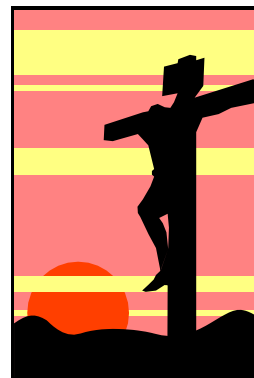
Song

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 -

**July 31, 2016**

### **Sunday Assembly Times:**

9:30 am — Bible Class  
10:30 am — Worship  
6:00 — Bible Study

### **Wednesday Assembly:**

7:00 — Bible Study

Website: [www.sm-cc.org](http://www.sm-cc.org)  
Phone: 207-229-4174  
Email: [tl654b@zwi.net](mailto:tl654b@zwi.net)

## Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another" — James 5:16

- Diane Cote - diagnosed with kidney disease
- John Donofrio (Betty's brother) - much of his ulcerated large intestine was removed; now home recovering; pray for his overall health
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at River Ridge; Sandy: has contracted C-Diff infection.
- Jean Gortot - suffering with advanced cancer
- Erik & Janice Grabowski - "please pray that the Lord would open doors for us to have a child"
- Susana Kazel - recently learned of 2 dear friends suffering with cancer
- Mary (Paula's mom) - inoperative cancerous tumor in liver still growing; in palliative care
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer
- Ernie Perry - shoulders healing well; dealing with COPD issues
- Wealthie Perry - various health concerns; undergoing various tests for abdominal pain
- Kathy Rader - has a lot to deal with right now and requests our prayers for her & her mom
- Robert (Shirley's Dad) - has fluid around his lungs and a serious heart condition; please pray for his physical & emotional health
- Karlee Wells - dealing with severe migraines, chronic pain & other health issues
- Seth & Kim Willey - Prayers answered. They are now in their new home in Westbrook.
- Blake Williams - mourning the loss of his young cousin Tyler Babcock who died in a car crash recently; personal & family struggles
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place

## AN UNKNOWN GOD

Etiquette says three things must not be discussed in public. Sex, politics and religion. Two of the so-called etiquette items have gone by the wayside. Sex is what keeps a lot of the discussion shows going. Politics keeps talk radio going daily. More and more opinions are being expressed about these two issues. When it comes to religion, things take a drastic turn. People don't want to hear about religion unless it has something to do with a strange out of the stream thought. Cults and cultic-like movements can be discussed but it is about the weird things done.

The other day I saw a bumper sticker that said "Keep your religion to yourself" That speaks as to how people feel in our day and time. Go ahead, next time you have a gathering of people, talk about the God of heaven, reveal His truth and see how people react. As long as it is generic, it is tolerated, but if we start digging at the truth you are treated as a leper. What do we learn? People in all their sophisticated glory do not like to discuss the real, eternal issues in life!!

Paul was in Athens and observed the objects of their worship. There was no offense in the people. It disturbed Paul but not the people (Acts 17). Paul began to teach what they believed, in ignorance, needed to be revealed in the true and living God. The results, they began to sneer! You see, in 2000 years little has changed. The truth about God is not what people want but give them religion that does not confront them with sin and sinful ways and people will gladly discuss anything.

Today, many want a God they can feel or experience but not really know. People want a "higher power", whatever they make that to be in their own mind, but let's not talk about the truth! Let's not confuse us with the truth. Words flow for us to be more open-minded. Some are so open-minded their brains have fallen out. The Athenians claimed to be wise but were blindly ignorant.

As long as God is unknown, people can think, follow and act whatever they wish. A fad comes along and everyone jumps on board. A book hits the market and people fall all over themselves to get a copy to read. Put the truth of the word in front of people and they do everything they can to run you down or simply ignore you. It was Jesus who came to explain God (Jn. 1:18). It was Jesus who revealed the grace of God and truth (Jn. 1:17). It was Jesus who the religious world crucified.

-Brent Newton (March 2008)

## ~ Upcoming Events ~

### SMCC Gospel Meeting

with Brent Newton

August 28—31

"Serving the Son, or Serving Sin?"

### Gander Brook Family Camp

September 3—5

Theme: "A Family of Disciples"

## Worship Assignments for August

Song Leader: Paul Cote

Opening Prayer: Seth Willey

Scripture Reading: Jason Kennedy

Lord's Supper:

George Nick & Erik Grabowski

Announcements/Prayer: Wayne Sampson

Lord's Supper Prep: Susana Kazel

*"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." — Acts 4:12*

## Points to Ponder

*The manner in which we serve the Lord's church and His purpose reveals our love for God.*



**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.



