



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Diane Cote - diagnosed with kidney disease & dealing with many other health issues
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at Greenwood Center in Sanford & doing well; Sandy: dealing w/ pain brought on by polymyalgia rheumatica
- Hurricane/Flood/Fire/Disaster Victims - please pray for those who have lost loved ones and/or all their earthly possessions ; pray for all those involved in rescue and relief efforts
- Joyce (Shirley's sister) - recovering well from pneumonia & fluid in lungs
- Luke (Susana's 6 mo. old great-grandson) - diagnosed with a large inoperable brain tumor; currently undergoing chemo treatments
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also has diabetes
- Caren Nick - chronic fatigue syndrome
- Chris Nick (George's brother) - had a serious stroke recently and is severely debilitated
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Robert (Shirley's Dad) - serious heart condition; problems with excessive fluid retention
- Wayne Sampson - recently diagnosed with gallstones & fatty liver; also suffering from lower back pain and ongoing anxiety attacks
- Mark Schmidt (Terry & Betty's son) - serving in the USAF, now deployed to Qatar
- Henry Terrill - suffering with lower back pain
- Karlee Wells - various health issues; dealing with PTSD, TBI, severe migraines and chronic pain; also legal issues for health compensation
- Peter Wolenty - ongoing heart problems
- 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

Stay Close to the Shepherd

There was once a young sheep, new to the flock, who went around asking some of the other sheep how he could make it or survive in the flock. He was counseled to read up on how to find good pasture for eating, fresh running water for drinking, and ample shade for resting. He was warned to stay away from thickets & quagmires, to keep out of the water, and to beware of wolves and other predators.

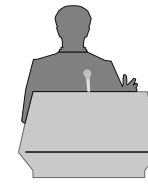
To put it mildly, the young sheep was quite overwhelmed and a bit troubled by the magnitude and complexity of all this information. While meandering along thinking about this, he ran into one of the older sheep. "Why so downcast and troubled?" the mature sheep asked. After the young sheep explained his problem relating to survival in the flock, the wise old sheep replied, "Just stay close to the shepherd and you'll be fine."

That's good advice for us as well. When we stay close to the Shepherd, He will feed us with the bread of life (Jn 6:35), quench our thirst with living water (Jn 4:14), and provide proper care and rest for those of His flock (Jn 10:11; Mt 11:28-30).

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters; He restoreth my soul." (Psalm 23:2-3)

Our loving Shepherd will also guide us and help us through the difficult thickets & quagmires of life (2 Cor 3:4-5; 1 Pet 5:7). And He will give us the strength and wisdom we need to deal with ravenous and savage "wolves" (Mt 7:15; Acts 20:28-29), and other adversaries (Eph 6:10; Phil 4:13).

So we can take heart and be confident putting our trust in the good Shepherd who "gives His life for the sheep" (Jn 10:11 & 15), "who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree [cross], that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls" (1 Pet 2:24-25). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



Gospel Meeting

October 1 — 4
with Brent Newton

*"God Speaks...
Are YOU Listening?"*

*Invite your family,
friends and neighbors!*

The gospel is the only power there is to save the soul of man (Rom 1:16), which is worth more than the entire world (Matt 16:26). A gospel meeting serves to remind man of the importance of his soul and the necessity of the gospel. A gospel meeting provides an opportunity for people to obey the gospel and save their souls. A gospel meeting will also strengthen and encourage the saved. Holding a gospel meeting lets the community and our neighbors know that we are not ashamed of the gospel. It demonstrates our love for the Lord. A gospel meeting honors the Savior who died on Calvary's cross for His church. May we continue to have an earnest desire to strive "for the faith of the gospel" (Phil 1:27). 📖



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR OCTOBER

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Paul Cote

Opening Prayer: Paul Bullock

Scripture Reading: Wayne Sampson

Lord's Supper:

Jim Miller & Ernie Perry

Announcements/Prayer: Jason Kennedy

Alternate/fill-in: George Nick

Lord's Supper Prep: Betty Schmidt

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Congregational Meeting:** Today, after services
- **Gospel Meeting** with Brent Newton: October 1-4 with Pot Luck Fellowship on Sunday the 1st
- **Ministry Meetings:** Sunday, October 8th, after services



Birthdays



28th – Bethany Boucher
10th - Keith Wells
14th - Hayden Wells
21st – Clara Clark
26th – Nancy Campbell-Jones
28th – Terry Kennedy

Happy Anniversary:

Paul & Mary — October 3rd
Wayne & Jan — October 9th
Jason & Paula — October 25th



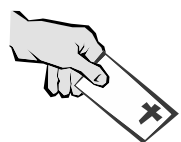
Flyers for our upcoming Gospel Meeting are on the back table. Members are asked to please take a few to post on local bulletin boards. Experience

has shown that it is always best to ask permission before posting a flyer. These flyers are a very effective way to advertise our meeting.

Thank you for your help! ☺

SNACKS!

September 24: Nancy
October 1: Sandy



Numbers for 9/17/17

Attendance - 20
Contribution - \$889.

Order of Worship

September 24, 2017

"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, 4a -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*
~ Luke 15:1-7 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Paul Bullock & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"The Greatest Joy of All"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jim Miller

Alternate/fill-in: *Wayne Sampson*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Pat Miller*

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

**September 24, 2017**

## 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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