

News and Notes

...The food items needed for this month are your choice of: pancake mix, syrup, cake mix, toilet tissue and paper towels.

--Volunteers are needed for preparing communion for the year 2016. See sign-up sheet on the board.

--Thanks to all who signed up to clean the building. There was a tremendous response to filling the months of the coming year and just a few spots still needing to be signed.

--There are some new directory inserts on the table

--REQUESTS--

***Monetary gifts for SHO Kids. This money will buy coats, hats and gifts for foster children and their families. See Kista by Nov. 29th

***Pots, pans and silverware to be given to family that lost their home in a fire. Box in east foyer.

***Good Samaritans are collecting travel size toiletries to be included in food baskets. Questions? See article on page 3.

***Please remember to bring photos of your school or college age children to be posted along the youth activity calendar.

Good Samaritans to Meet

The Good Samaritans are back! They will meet for the first time today after morning service and, thereafter, will meet on the third Sunday of each month. This year, they will begin by collecting travel size toiletries to be included in the food baskets for the holidays. and from January through June, will be in charge of cleaning the basement. Although The Good Samaritans are a L2L project, all ages are welcome to be a part of the group. Your help and your interest would be kindly appreciated in this endeavor. See Kista if you have questions.



If you are interested in tobogganing at Pokagon on Dec. 5th, please sign up. The church van will leave at 8a and return at 4p. Cost is \$8 plus lunch and hot chocolate at the park.



"Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." Col. 3:15

The best things in life are the nearest --breath in your nostrils, light in your eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at your hand, the path of God just before you. Then **do not** grasp at the stars, but do life's plain, common work as it comes, certain that daily duties and daily bread are the sweetest things of life. Author unknown

West Side Window

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SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study —
9:30 am
Worship — 10:30 am
& 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study —
7:00 pm

MINISTER

Michael Gors

ELDERS

Michael Gors
Gary Reynolds
Larry Reynolds
Todd Stults

DEACONS

Don Allison
Fellowship

Kendall Clark
Benevolence

Jim Clark-Visitation

Lowell Huffman-Media

Volker Jaromin—
Communication and
Advertising

MISSION WORKS

Russia & India

Mark Reynolds

Memphis School of

Preaching

Ronnie Gootam

Southeast Institute of
Biblical Studies

Preaching

Caleb Taylor

Jonah Stults

Florida School of
Preaching

Scott Pfetscher

New Hampshire

Laconia Church of
Christ

Shane Belanger

A Lady Named Lydia

I don't know that I have ever met anyone by that name. But, I know of such a person. You can find her in Acts 16. "Now, a certain woman named Lydia heard **us**. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God."

That is the way she is introduced to us. We thus know her hometown and also what she did. She was a merchant of fine goods. But, that is not all we are told. There are additional facts that will prove to be very interesting.

Here is a lady who seems to have a great deal of this world's good. But there are also some other things she possessed that are things that all of us need. Though we may not have a business, there are some other things like hers that we can have.

She had great respect for God. We should notice that she was one **who "worshipped God"**. Yes, we are aware that she is following the Old Testament system of worship, but she had not yet learned of the New Testament order of things. She was cognizant of the day and therefore the need to worship God. She worshiped even though she was not in her hometown. Even though away from home and a successful business woman, clearly God was first priority in her life. This is a great example for every generation.

She had a willingness to listen. Next, we notice the phrase, "**heard us**" that tells us that though she was practicing one religion, she was at least open to listen to a new way of doing things, which was the gospel of Christ. There was not a need to encourage her to listen, she was ready to listen. Rather than showing a prideful stubbornness to the ways of Judaism, she was open to listen to the new and living way of Jesus. Again, a great example to every generation to at least open our ears and listen with open eyes: ears and hearts to the Word of God.

She had a heart that could be touched. Her heart, indeed, was opened. In Fact, it explicitly says, "Whose heart the Lord opened". That simply means the Gospel being preached to her was calculated to reach her heart and reach her heart, it did. This is perhaps the most essential portion of anyone's conversion to Christ, "With the heart man believeth" (Romans 10:10).

She had a readiness to obey: "**And when she was baptized**" (Acts 16:15). So far as the scripture records, she did not debate, argue nor offered an excuse. She heard the gospel and obeyed it. So many, to this day, may want the salvation of their souls and a home in heaven with God, but for some reason, continue to argue and offer excuses to God as to how one can receive the remission of their sins. Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved..." . Either you believe and obey the Lord Jesus or you don't. Lydia did and is in a saved condition!

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Those Serving Today

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Don Allison
Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
1st Prayer: Richard Messer
Scripture: Joe Reed
James 1:12-15

Sermon: Mike Gors
“Be on Guard Against Sin”

Closing Prayer: Cliff Nicks
Sound Room: Gary Reynolds

COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side- Outside: Justin Hummel
 Inside: Jerry Hoyt
East Side— Inside: Danny Odle
 Outside: Rick Cox

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements: Don Allison
Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
1st Prayer: Jim Clark
Scripture: Carl Gilstrap

Psalms 100: 1-5
Sermon: Mike Gors
“O Worship the King”
Communion Table: Adam Gors
Closing Prayer: Larry Reynolds
Sound Room: Gary Reynolds

Remember in Prayer

Andrew Weyman, Leukemia. Two year old
Angie Reed, MS, Daughter -in-law of Joe and Wanda
Ashley Bobo, Sister of Chad. Patient at Memorial Hospital in Memphis, TN.
Ashley Shaw, Personal issues
Betty Kellow, Good spirits. At home after release from BMH
Brett Rutherford, Missionary. Cyst on spine
Dave Sherfield, Major skin graft to hand which has only 3/4 successful healing. Will be in St Joseph hospital in Fort Wayne for 10 days for re-working of graft.
George Robison, Brother of Margaret, lives in Indianapolis. Critically ill with terminal cancer.
Herb & Betty Smith
Holly Chambers
Janie Miller, Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Mike's aunt and Marty's sister.
Jeremy Fortner, Advanced colon cancer. Nephew of Kendall
Jerry Winsor, Aggressive cancer. Brother-in-law of Pat Ergle.
Jim Zachary, cancer. Tom Davis' nephew.
Kathy Harper
Larry White, Stepfather of Sally. Heart issues.
Laura Spaulding, Breast cancer. Co-worker of Genny Stults
Margaret Goodman, Recuperating from vascular surgery. Good and bad days with loss of appetite
Miriam Miessen, Maternal aunt of Delores. Hospitalized with injuries from a fall and for a placement of pacemaker
Marshall Staggs, Enjoys cards
Mike Bayer, Heart problems
Norma Perry, At home. Doing well after knee surgery.
Skylar Murphy, Foot surgery scheduled for Nov. 25 at BMH

Group Two Duties for Nov.
All building duties to be done
by Group Two
Communion Prep for Nov.--Genny

Please Remember Our Shut-ins

Evelyn Vannatter—Elmcroft
Forrest Hurst—Elmcroft
Jim & Marylou Witty—At home
Lana Blanchard—Albany Health Care
Ralph Zeek—Willow Bend
Vada Zeek—Willow Bend

Bible Study, Nov. 24th

Speaker: Richard
Song Leader: Don Allison
Prayer: Bill Winemiller

Attendance for Week of Nov. 15th

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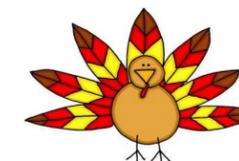
Happy Birthday

Rachel C.--Nov. 27
Julie A.--Nov. 29
Carl --Nov. 30
John--Dec. 13
Teresa Terrell--Dec. 12
Herb --Dec. 14
Shawna --Dec. 15

Today, the 22nd...

Good Samaritans will meet today after morning worship
With all ages welcome
Girl Song Leaders to meet at 5:00p in large classroom

Nov. 24, Men's Fellowship breakfast at IHOP, 8a
Nov. 24, Women's Fellowship breakfast at IHOP, 10a
Nov. 24, Mid week Bible Study at 7p
Dec. 5, Group trip to Pocono State Park. All ages welcome to join. Sign up sheet is on bulletin board. See further info on back page.
Dec. 5, Teen Christmas party at Don & Teresa's home. Time to be determined
Dec. 11, SHO KIDS Party for foster children & foster families, 6p
Dec. 13, Elders and Deacons quarterly presentation after evening worship
Reminder: Mid week Bible Study to be held this Tuesday, Nov. 24th at 7p



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She had concern for others. After she was baptized, she went to work for the Lord. She opened her home to Paul and his team to use as a headquarters from which to work while in Philippi. Notice her words in Acts 16:15, **“She begged us, saying, ‘If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.’ So, she persuaded us.”**

What a great example to all Christians in every generation. A person who has great respect for God, a willingness to listen, a heart that can be touched, a readiness to obey the words of Jesus and a concern for others. Let us take the lessons from this great woman named Lydia and apply them to our lives today. Mike Gors