Those to remember in prayer

- Al Emery
- Adam Neill
- Ken Thomas
- Jim Metts
- Irene Schmidt
- June Rhines
- May Seigworth
- Terry Evans
- Kevin Hughes
- Betty Hughes
- Norma Thomas
- Judy and Ethel
- Linda Reichart
- Florence Homolek
- Allison Park
- Ruby Bradd
- Stephanie Moore
- Gary Mumford
- Nick Van Horn – 20-yr-old with cancer

➢ WELCOME to all our visitors today! Thank you for worshipping with us.

➢ Gary fell off his log truck yesterday afternoon and suffered serious injuries. No one was with him, but phone technology helped locate him when he couldn't be reached. He has a fractured skull, hip, spine and possible femur. The last word was the neurosurgeon was monitoring brain swelling to determine when to do surgery. Bev and Becky are there with him. Please pray for him, his family, and his doctors as he begins the healing process.

➢ One of Joe's good friends, Bill Frazier, has a very rare and aggressive form of cancer on his back. He has had tissue removed and will soon start therapy at the Hillman Cancer Institute. Joe requests prayers for his recovery.

➢ Allison had a doctor's appointment this past week. He wants her to have neck surgery again, moving up her spine. She has yet to decide what to do. Please keep her in your prayers.

➢ Kevin Hughes is still on the mend from his sinus issues last week. Continue to pray for him and those caring for him.

➢ There will be a men's business meeting this evening after services. Please make plans to attend.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

2/16 – Megan and Ryan Burley
Stacy and Brian Fiscus
2/17 – Linda Reichart

Memory Verse of the Week

I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:8-9

Bible Question of the Week

What was the name of King Ahasuerus' first wife?

Last week's question and answer:

What was the name of King Ahasuerus' first wife?

Vashti, Esther

Anagram Puzzle

Unscramble the letters of the nonsensical message to spell the name of a Bible person, place, or thing. Each letter will be used once.

Last week:
New Testament people
Huey cuts
Eutychus

This week:
Book of the Bible
Sox due

Dave: What do you call a watch worn on a belt?
Karin: A waist of time.
The Parable of the Shoe Salesmen
by Douglas Hoff

Sometimes, a short, simple story can convey a very important lesson that is easily remembered. Many people know at least some of the parables of the Bible for this reason. I do not claim originality regarding the parable of the shoe salesmen since I heard it in the Memphis School of Preaching almost 30 years ago. It stuck in my head and I think it is worth repeating.

Many years ago, a shoe company sent two shoe salesmen over to Africa trying to expand their market. Both were sent to remote villages where the standard of living had recently begun to improve.

The first salesman sent a telegram (I told you this was an old story!) back to the corporate headquarters and reported, “No one here wears shoes! I can’t make any sales. Coming home ASAP.”

The other salesman also sent a telegram and said, “No one here wears shoes! I am making lots of sales. Send more shoes ASAP!”

What made the difference between the two salesmen? Even though both faced the same conditions, the first failed because he did not see the need the villagers had. He did not appreciate he brought them something that would help them. The second salesman knew that with some persuasion, the shoe-less people would welcome the benefit of shoes.

Hopefully, the parallel to our evangelism efforts is obvious. Jesus wants every Christian to “Go therefore … into all the world” (Mat. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16). Do we see lost souls in need of the gospel who may be persuaded to obey it (Acts 2:40-42)? Or, do we see people we think aren’t interested in what we are “selling” and thus give up trying?

The difference comes down to perception and attitude. We need to realize that almost everyone we meet in our daily lives is lost in sin. May our report to “headquarters” be, “No one here has put on Christ (Gal. 3:27)! Send more workers ASAP (Matt. 9:37-38)!”

“Age is merely the number of years the world has been enjoying you.”