

## MEN WHO SERVE

SERVICE	SEPT 6	SEPT 13
MORNING	Song Leader	Phil Forrest
	Announcements	Jimmy Snow
	Opening Prayer	Eddie Nuckols
	Scripture Reading	Wesley Frick
	Sermon	Tom Davenport
EVENING	Closing Prayer	John Davenport
	Opening Prayer	Matthew Forrest
	Sermon	Claude Pharr
	Closing Prayer	Claude Pharr
	Lord's Table	Mark Koontz
	Wed Song Leader	Phil Forrest
		Tom Davenport

## LORD'S SUPPER

Center Servers	Jered Markman
	Matthew Forrest
	John Davenport
	Edgar Markman
	Paul Davenport
Prepare/Cleanup	Rick & Cindy Brown
Bread	Terri Maurer



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## The Lottery

On Monday July 13, 2015 there appeared in the Winston-Salem Journal an article entitled: "Defrauding the Nation's Poor." As I read the article I was intrigued and pleasantly surprised to hear mentioned, among other things, the exploitation of the poor through state lotteries. The article pointed out these statistics, "Studies in a number of states have shown that lottery ticket sales are concentrated in poor communities, that the poor spend a larger portion of their income on tickets, and that the poor are more likely to view the lottery as an investment." It, of course, is not an investment but rather a pipe dream.

What is the moral objection to the lottery as well as other forms of gambling? It comes under the umbrella of covetousness. Or to use Paul's statement: "The love of money is the root of all evil." (1 Timothy 6:10) Why do people play the lottery? It's for money, more money than they could ever think to earn. And if they win what do they get? Someone else's hard earned money. Gambling is always an effort to get someone else's money without earning it; and that's pure, unvarnished covetousness.

Who is the main culprit in this arrangement? The State, of course -- The State sets it up and then gets its portion of the loot as the poor are being defrauded. But the State is not the only culprit. What about the businesses that are involved in this racket. They too are guilty. They are unequally yoked together with the State in this scheme.

*Claude*

## WELCOME VISITORS

Visitors, you are our honored guests! We are so happy that you have joined us. Please fill out a visitor card and place in collection plate.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 7** JCM Bible Study at 7pm

**September 12** Carolina Bible Camp 4th Annual Bluegrass Festival Tickets are available for \$15 through Wednesday. See Claude.

**September 20** Teachers Meeting at 4:30pm

**October 24** Fall Fellowship at the Maurers.

### AREA EVENTS

(see flyers located on bulletin board for details)

**Sept 17-20** South Stokes church of Christ Gospel Meeting

**Sept 20-22** Lake Norman church of Christ Gospel Meeting

**Sept 20-25** West Jefferson church of Christ Tent Meeting

**Sept 26** Northwest church of Christ Women's Workshop

**Oct 17** Rutherford church of Christ Ladies Day

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Teresa Johnson	Sunday Sept 6
Glenn Koontz	Monday Sept 7
Wanda Scott	Wednesday Sept 8

## PRAYER LIST

**Edwin Boger** continues to experience low energy.

**Carol Capps** is experiencing a lot of pain in her wrist.

**David Jones** has multiple health problems.

**Janet Rhodes Holland** was in a motorcycle accident and is in a medically-induced coma and is making improvements.

**Shirley Mae**, Tom Davenport's mother, had knee replacement surgery this past Wednesday.

**Bill Nilo**, Jim Nilo's brother, has lung cancer.

**Belinda Nuckols** has issues with her ankle.

**Roy Pelote**, Toni Williams' husband, passed away. Please pray for the family and friends of Roy.

**Bill Potts**, husband of Aileen Potts, has an abdominal aneurism.

**Sadie Rice** is at Bermuda Commons receiving therapy and continues to improve.

**Wanda Scott**

**Jenni Smith** is struggling spiritually.

**J. R. Stroud**

**Larry Warner** has vascular dementia.

Penny Austin, Belinda's sister  
Bob Freeman  
Tom Hare (friend of the Nuckols family) is improving and is currently cancer-free  
Tracy Harmon (friend of Deb-

orah Dull)  
Joe Koontz (Glenn's brother)  
Bob Scales, husband of Tom Davenport's cousin, has pancreatic cancer.

## SHUT-INS

Vergie Farmer (Steve Anderson's mother)  
Bertha Graves

Sadie Rice  
Elizabeth Seamon  
Dorothy Smith