



# September 2016

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7 <i>Bible Study 7:30 pm</i>	8 <i>Youth Group 6:59 pm</i>	9	10
11	12 <i>Beacon of Hope, 7 pm</i>	13	14 <i>Bible Study 7:30 pm</i>	15 <i>Youth Group 6:59 pm</i>	16	17
18	19	20 <i>Michelle Azahalia</i> 	21 <i>Bible Study 7:30 pm</i>	22 <i>Youth Group 6:59 pm</i>	23	24 <i>Mark Willard</i> 
25	26	27	28 <i>Bible Study 7:30 pm</i>  <i>Joash and Adelaide Cowan</i>  	29 <i>Youth Group 6:59 pm</i>	30	

## God Chooses and Uses Nobodies

“Nevertheless, the calling of the twelve teaches us important things about our own service to Christ. We too have been called by God. Like the apostles, we have been called to faith in Jesus Christ. We have also been called—by name—to serve our Lord in some particular ministry or ministries. We do not choose our calling in the church; God chooses it for us. This principle is basic to all Christian ministry.

When God calls us, he also provides the gifts that we need to carry out our calling. The mission of Jesus was not limited by the resources the apostles already had in their possession. He would give them whatever they needed, including his Spirit, who was the real power at work in their ministry. Therefore, as the apostles took the gospel to the world, they did not have to rely on their own abilities, but on the enabling and equipping work of God. Oswald Chambers was right when he said: “God can achieve his purpose either through the absence of human power and resources, or the abandonment of reliance on them. All through history God has chosen and used nobodies, because their unusual dependence on him made possible the unique display of his power and grace. He chose and used somebodies only when they renounced dependence on their natural abilities and resources.”

Whether we are nobodies like the apostles when Jesus called them, or

### September 4

Psalm 139:1-6; 13-18  
Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Philemon 1-21  
Luke 6:43-49

### September 11

Psalm 14  
Jeremiah 4:11-12; 22-28  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 7:1-10

### September 18

Psalm 79:1-9  
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 7:11-17

### September 25

Psalm 91:1-6; 14-16  
Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15  
1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 7:18-35

### October 2

Psalm 137  
Lamentations 1:1-6  
2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Luke 7:36-50

somebodies such as they became, we need to put our confidence in Christ alone, and not in ourselves, so that his Spirit can do the real work of our ministry. It is only by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ that we are able to care for people in need, see them come to faith, and help them grow in godliness.”

Ryken, Philip Graham. *Luke*. Edited by Richard D. Phillips, Philip Graham Ryken, and Daniel M. Doriani. Vol. 1 & 2. Reformed Expository Commentary. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2009.

**Looking into August . . .**

**Board Meeting Following Worship**  
August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Every Saturday is Work Day at the Camp.**  
Contact Jerry if you are interested.

**Bible Study to Resume on August 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Youth Group Every Thursday at 6:59**