

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Men's Annual Budget Meeting:
TODAY after services

January Birthdays:

3rd – Sage Nick
4th – George Nick

POINTS TO PONDER:

In the coming year, God will bless us all with a series of great opportunities for spiritual growth, brilliantly disguised as problems.

Ladies Bread Ministry

December 29: Rebecca

SNACKS!

December 29: Jan
January 5: Sandy

BULLETIN ITEMS: Contact Terry Schmidt at
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Great News!

Little 2 year old Tripp Murray recently had an MRI that revealed his tumor is gone! This is only the second time doctors have seen this with such an aggressive form of cancer. He will continue his last 2 rounds of chemotherapy and will then go to Boston for a stem cell transplant. God is surely answering prayers on his behalf! Thank you for your diligence in praying for this family who have been blessed with this encouraging news. The burden is being lifted. Praise God and to Him be all the glory! ☺



He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer. — *Psalms 102:17*

Order of Worship

*"I will praise Thee, O LORD, with
my whole heart."
- Psalm 9:1 -*

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *George Nick*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*
~ *2 Corinthians 8:1-5* ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Wayne Sampson & Terry Schmidt

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
*"4 Things That Will Make
a Strong Church"*

Song

Announcements: *Terry Schmidt*

Closing Prayer: *Tony Grant*

Greeters: *George and/or Caren Nick*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Terry Kennedy*

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December 29, 2013

Sunday Assembly Times:

9:30 am - Bible Classes for all ages
10:30 am—Worship
6:00—Bible Study

Wednesday Assembly:

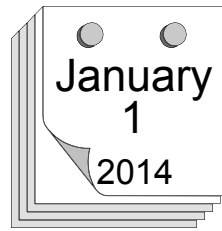
7:00 - Bible Study for all ages

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Prayer Requests:

- Anthony - cyst removal surgery successful!
- Larry Bosworth - rehabilitating from "brain bleed" & other injuries sustained in a fall
- Caren - planned trip to South Africa in June
- Carrie - has auto-immune disease; chemo
- Bob Cook - lung CAT scan scheduled 12/31
- Frances Dudley - inoperable lung tumor
- Paul & Sandy and family - making steady progress with Paul's rehabilitation
- Sandy Gagnon - right foot doing better
- Grabowski's - recently hired as managers of a 55 & older community in MA ☺
- Nancy Grant - prayers for safe travel from NC
- Tony Grant - recovering from bronchitis & flu
- Greg (Sandy's friend) - requests prayers for a family member diagnosed with mental illness
- Heather (friend of Vivian) - facing some rather challenging circumstances
- Richard Judkins - having serious health issues prayers for strength for Kathleen as well
- Karen - six months pregnant; health issues
- Terry Kennedy - prayers for continued healing from knee replacement surgery
- Kim Murray & family (friend of Amber) - MRI has revealed 2 year old Tripp's tumor is gone! Will still undergo stem cell transplant
- Nick Family - prayers for strength
- Ariana - struggling with complications from her surgery; needs shots on a daily basis
- Nicholas & family (George's nephew) - twin son has a growth that needs to be removed
- Megan Perry (Ernie & Wealthie's granddaughter) - suffering with diabetes, neuropathy, and problems with addictions
- Philip (Terry & Betty's son) - experiencing difficulties & challenging circumstances
- Jan Sampson - prayers for her ankle to heal; also experiencing shoulder pain
- Teal & Mike - for a normal pregnancy; that the baby will be healthy in all respects
- Prayers for those not with us today



A New Beginning

With the simple switch of a calendar, the New Year promises to be a time of hope, change and renewal. With all its blank dates waiting to be filled with appointments, events, and other activities, it seems to usher in a new beginning, complete with fresh opportunities and uncharted possibilities. This reminds us of the gracious God we serve—a God of second chances and new beginnings.

In the pages of the inspired word, we read the Parable of the Prodigal Son who basically demanded his inheritance and then quickly and foolishly squandered it on reckless and riotous living (Luke 15:11-32). Welcomed back home by his waiting, watching, loving, forgiving Father, the repentant son experienced a new beginning and, although he didn't deserve it, was restored and given a second chance. Brothers, sisters, friends, this is also *our* story.

We too have sinned, acted foolishly and squandered that which our Father has entrusted to us (Romans 3:10; 23; Titus 3:3-7). And although we don't deserve it, when we bring to God a humble, penitent spirit as did the prodigal son, our loving, forgiving heavenly Father gives us another chance and offers us a new beginning (2 Corinthians 5:17).

So this year, make a firm resolution to always turn to God who can truly offer you fresh opportunities and uncharted possibilities. Turn to "Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20). Turn to the "KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS" (Revelation 19:16) who will one day proclaim: "Behold, I make *all* things new!" (Revelation 21:5).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING



The men will be meeting today after services for the annual budget meeting. Anyone having input is asked to contact one of the men with your proposal or concerns. Thank you.

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

- Acts 16:30 -

Hear the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Rom 10:14,17
Believe [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31
 Heb 11:6
Repent of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30
Confess Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37;
 Rom 10:8-10
Be baptized - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16;
 1 Pet 3:21
Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; 10:22; Heb 5:9;
 Rev 2:10

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY

Opening Prayer: Tony Grant
 Scripture Reading: George Nick
The Lord's Supper.
 Tony Grant & Wayne Sampson
 Closing Prayer: George Nick
 Greeter: Wayne Sampson
 Lord's Supper Prep: Sandy Gagnon

☺ Welcome Visitors! ☺

We are glad you have come to worship with us today. We want you to know that you are welcome. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions or if we can help you in any way. Please fill out a visitor's card and sign our guest book before you depart. Have a great week!