

Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another" — James 5:16

- Alix Brucker (Janice's 14 year old nephew) - drug addiction and a bad environment
- Diane Cote - dealing with chronic pain
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - health concerns
- Jean Gortot - suffering with advanced cancer
- Erik Grabowski - requests prayers for struggles at work; very difficult & stressful situation
- Susana Kazel - recently sustained 1st & 2nd degree burns to her lower extremities; now being treated at a burn center in FL; wounds are infection-free, but she is still in a lot of pain
- Mary (Paula's mother) - results of PET scan and liver biopsy have revealed a large tumor in her liver which is inoperative
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also suffers with diabetes
- Lyndon Myers (Susana's oldest son) - recently diagnosed with a non-aggressive strain of prostate cancer; surgery scheduled for March
- George & Caren Nick - family struggles
- Ernie Perry - recent surgery on right shoulder was successful; beginning PT on Dec 17th; also has complications from COPD issues
- Wealthie Perry - poor blood circulation in both legs; having stents placed in legs on Dec 9th
- Susan (Paula's sister) - her husband Rick and children Ben, Sam and Anna are having some physical and emotional struggles in their lives
- Karolyn Terrill - both cataract surgeries were successful and she is doing well
- Karlee Wells - dealing with chronic pain
- Peter Wolenty (Sandy's brother-in law) - has been diagnosed with colon cancer; please pray for his wife Evelyn (Sandy's sister), their daughter Janice, and the doctors attending him.
- Please pray for those not with us today

"Pray without ceasing" — 1 Thess 5:17

Note: Items not regularly updated will be removed at the end of each month. Thank you.

It's in the Name

Your name speaks about who you are! I don't mean the defining of your name. Your name is associated with your character. Your reputation is tied to your name. Have you ever heard a parent (maybe you are one) that called out, "That's my girl!" or "That's my boy!" They are proud of their child's accomplishments as their child has brought honor to them.

I remember telling my own children when they would leave the house, "Remember who you are!" speaking of their name. In other words, remember the principles we hold to and what you were taught. "A good name is to be more desired than great wealth, favored better than silver and gold." (Proverbs 22:1)

How do you think God feels about His name? When the name of God is dishonored, is that not a dishonoring of God and His character? People freely throw around the name of God in some slang form reducing His character to meaningless. However, are they really reducing His character? NO! They are actually reducing the character of themselves! They are speaking against their own name and character by using the name of God! God's name stands and His character is intact.

How do so many who proclaim a love for the Lord their God and His son Jesus Christ, throw the name of God around so loosely? Our television shows are filled with God's name being the butt of a joke as if His character is an object of laughter and entertainment. God's name is used as a causal by-word that is seen posted or spoken by our society: OMG (oh my God). God's name is profaned by being dishonored when used as an exclamation of surprise or extreme anger.

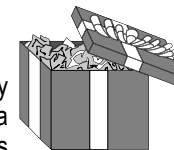
Using God's name in demeaning ways other than as our Lord and Father is taking Him and stripping Him of His identity and dignity. Too many have made the name of the Lord God as a common, meaningless pagan god that is not holy, righteous or just. No wonder people really don't see the need for a Savior!

His name has been reduced to nothingness, but one day it will be revealed that every knee will bow at the name and His character will be seen (Phil. 2:9-10) Yes, it's in the name!

— Brent Newton ✍

[submitted by Terry Kennedy]

Christmas Gifts



The following note was sent by Josiah, Anthea, Joshua and Layla Carelse in Denver, Colorado. This is the family from South Africa attending Bear Valley Bible Institute that we are helping to support.

"We appreciate the kind hearts of your congregation and what you are doing for us is so amazing. This will be our first time being here over the holidays and this is so special Please send our love to your congregation and thank them for what they are doing. And thank you once again for all the continuous support you have given us."

If you would like to purchase something for the Carelse family, there are papers in the back with suggestions. Please put your name next to the item and write it down on the piece of paper provided to remind you.

Please **wrap and tag** the items and bring them in by **Sunday, Dec 13** so they can be sent before the holidays.



Susana's Florida Address:

Susana Kazel
2515 NE 1st Ct., #104
Boynton Beach, FL 33435

☺ 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 before you depart.



Ladies' Corner

Kennebunk Nursing Home: Our monthly visitation will be Wednesday, December 16 at 9:30 am. Every year we help the nursing home with their Christmas party, which will be Tuesday, December 22nd at 2:00 pm. Many no-sew blankets have been made and will be given away at the party. If you would like to make a batch of cookies for the party, please bring them to services on Sunday, December 20. We were also asked to bring popcorn and popcorn oil. Janice is checking on buying a large box of the popcorn and oil.

December Birthdays



9th – Terry Schmidt
16th - Brandon Kennedy
23rd – Blake Williams

Happy Anniversary:

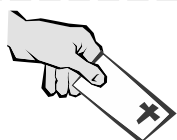
Terry & Betty Schmidt — 6th

SNACKS!

Dec 6: Shirley
Dec 13: Nancy

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Next Men's Business Meeting:**
Today, after services
- **Pot Luck Fellowship & Yankee Swap:**
December 13th, after services
- **A fruit basket** from the church was given to Ernie Perry after his surgery.



Numbers for 11/29/15
Attendance - 21
Contribution - \$355.

Order of Worship

December 6, 2015

"I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding."

~ 1 Corinthians 14:15 ~

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Paul Cote*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Wayne Sampson & Erik Grabowski

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Nate Hios*

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Nick

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Janice Grabowski*

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*We love Him, because  
He first loved us.  
- 1 John 4:19 -*

**December 6, 2015**

## Sunday Assembly Times:

9:30 am — Bible Class  
10:30 am — Worship  
6:00 — Bible Study

## Wednesday Assembly:

7:00 — Bible Study

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