

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; Sandy has a new sore on her foot and her legs are quite swollen & painful; on strong antibiotics
- Jean Gortot - suffering with advanced cancer
- Erik Grabowski - requests prayers to find a new job; one that will be a good fit and pay the bills
- Susana Kazel - pleased to report that burns received in November have healed completely
- Mary (Paula's mom) - large inoperative tumor in her liver; undergoing infusion treatments
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also suffers with diabetes
- Lyndon Myers (Susana's son) - non-aggressive strain of prostate cancer; surgery in March
- George & Caren Nick - Caren sick with the flu; George recovering from a severe illness; Vivian & family very sick as well; also dealing with ongoing family struggles
- Nicholas Bush (Sandy's grandson) - now home recovering from mononucleosis
- Ernie Perry - had successful surgery on right shoulder; which is healing well; now undergoing PT; also, complications from COPD issues
- Wealthie Perry - various health concerns
- Don Pfeiffer - bladder cancer has returned
- Susan (Paula's sister) - her husband Rick and children Ben, Sam and Anna are having some physical and emotional struggles in their lives
- Karlee Wells - dealing with chronic pain and complications from a head injury, including severe migraines
- 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



Most vehicles are equipped with either gauges or warning lights on the dashboard to indicate a potentially dangerous condition. The warning lights are commonly referred to as "idiot lights." One reason for this is that, by the time they light up to indicate a problem or malfunction, real damage may have already occurred. The warning light itself is not the problem, but is merely an indication of the problem. It is not the source of the problem, but a symptom.

Similar dynamics are at work in the spiritual realm. There are numerous symptoms which can point to potentially dangerous conditions in one's spiritual life. One of these indicators is lack of attendance whenever the church comes together.

God's word says: "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up [stimulate, motivate; promote;] love and good works, not forsaking [neglecting, abandoning] the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner [habit] of some, but exhorting [encouraging] one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching" (Heb 10:23-25).

Are there some legitimate reasons for not attending services on occasion? Of course. What is being discussed here is habitual behavior and routine practice—the result of one's deliberate decision to forsake the assembly. Whenever the church comes together, Jesus is there in our midst (Matt 18:20). Those choosing to be absent at these times need to understand that they remove themselves from a meeting where the Lord is present.

God faithfully demonstrated His love for us, "in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). The redeemed are given opportunity to honor God and demonstrate our love for Him through faithful attendance whenever the church assembles. In fact, we are commanded to assemble with the saints and worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth (Heb 10:25; Matt 4:4; John 4:24).

Those choosing to do things other than meet with God and His church should closely examine their motives and seriously evaluate their reasons for doing so (2 Cor 13:5). Because God does! (Prov 5:21; 16:2).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

A Special Thank you! A graphic of a hand with the thumb pointing up, indicating a thumbs up or approval.

The ladies' ministry has had a very busy couple of weeks. They collected enough for 20 homeless elderly at the Alfred Shelter. Five ladies then got together at Nancy's to put the items in gift bags. These gifts were delivered, and the staff & residents were VERY appreciative, as no one else donated anything and their funds were low. The ladies also mailed a very large box with all the gifts donated by our members to Josiah and his family in Colorado. Our ladies are to be commended for their careful planning, good organization and hard work. Thank you so much ladies for your caring hearts and willing service. You did an awesome job!!! Your efforts are greatly appreciated by all! ☺

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY

Song Leader: Paul Cote

Opening Prayer: Erik Grabowski

Scripture Reading: Jason Kennedy

Lord's Supper:

Nate Hios & Wayne Sampson

Announcements/Prayer: Terry Schmidt

Lord's Supper Prep: Terry Kennedy

☺ **Welcome Visitors!** ☺

We are glad to have you worship with us today. 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

Nursing Home Holiday Party: was this past Tuesday. Three of us went and helped out. We passed out 31 no-sew blankets. The residents were very pleased with them. Thanks to all who helped make the blankets.

Ladies Meeting: will be January 3rd while the men are having their meeting. We will discuss our plans for 2016.

Nursing Home: The next nursing home visit will be Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 9:30 am.

January Birthdays



4th – George Nick

4th - Wealthie Perry

26th - Susana Kazel

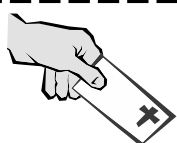
SNACKS!

Dec 27: Sandy
Jan 3: Janice

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Men's Business Meeting: Sunday, January 3, after services
- Next Pot Luck Fellowship: Sunday, January 10, after services

BULLETIN ITEMS: If you have a prayer request or an announcement for the bulletin, please contact Terry Schmidt at 284-9191 or e-mail at tls654b@gwi.net



Numbers for 12/20/15
Attendance - 18
Contribution - \$421.

Order of Worship

December 27, 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*

~ Hebrews 2:1-4 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson & Erik Grabowski

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"Are You Drifting?"

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 27, 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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