

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) - scheduled for PET scan and liver biopsy on 11/24 and 11/30; has been in remission of eye cancer for the past 6 years
- 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 - shoulder pain; had surgery on Nov 17th for right shoulder; now home doing PT; 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 - had first successful cataract surgery Nov 19th and will have the second eye done on December 3rd
- 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.

"Pray without ceasing" — 1 Thess 5:17

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



Jesus Loves You!

In Romans chapter 8, the apostle Paul asks a very pertinent and powerful question, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" (Romans 8:35). He goes on to point out that nothing "in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:39). Another relevant and probing question would be, "Do we believe it?"

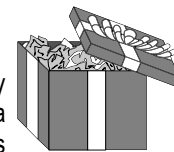
We have every reason to fully embrace this truth and take it to heart. God, through the inspired New Testament writers, reveals and affirms the tremendous love Christ has for you and me. "Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:7-8). Jesus himself said, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

That is exactly what Jesus did for you and me. He willingly died in our place to pay the penalty for our sins (Rom 8:1-4; 1 Tim 2:5-6; 1 Pet 2:24). "But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy" (Titus 3:4). The apostle John summarizes this way, "This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins" (1 John 4:9-10).

This is how God showed His love for us. How do we show our love for Him? John answers in the next verse: "Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11). May we humbly open our hearts and freely offer our lives to Jesus our Lord so that we may fully experience the depth and richness of His wonderful love! And may His love be the primary motivation in all that we do (2 Cor 5:14-15).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

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.*



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER

Song Leader: Nate Hios
Opening Prayer: Paul Cote
Scripture Reading: Jason Kennedy
Lord's Supper:
Wayne Sampson & Erik Grabowski
Announcements/Prayer: George Nick
Lord's Supper Prep: Janice Grabowski



Susana's Florida Address:

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



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



2nd – Erik Grabowski
4th – Christine Williams

Happy Anniversary:

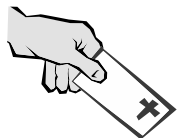
Terry & Betty Schmidt — 6th

SNACKS!

Nov. 29: Betty
Dec. 6: Shirley

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Next Men's Business Meeting:**
Sunday, December 6, after services
- **Pot Luck Fellowship & Yankee Swap:**
December 13th, after services
- **A fruit basket** from the church was delivered to Ernie Perry after having surgery. He was very grateful to receive it and enjoyed it very much.



Numbers for 11/22/15
Attendance - 26
Contribution - \$478.

Order of Worship

November 29, 2015

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms."

~ Psalm 95:1-2 ~

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*
~ 1 John 4:7-21 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Terry Schmidt & Paul Cote

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"The Greatest Assurance"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Wayne Sampson

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Terry Kennedy*

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

**November 29, 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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