

## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"* — James 5:16

- Diane Cote - diagnosed with kidney disease
- John Donofrio (Betty's brother) - much of his ulcerated large intestine was removed; now home recovering; pray for his overall health
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at River Ridge; Sandy: home and doing reasonably well
- Jean Gortot - suffering with advanced cancer
- Erik & Janice Grabowski - "please pray that the Lord would open doors for us to have a child"
- Susana Kazel & family - mourning the loss of their loved one John Moseley
- Mary (Paula's mom) - inoperative cancerous tumor in liver still growing; in palliative care
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer
- George & Caren Nick - ongoing family struggles
- Ernie Perry - shoulders healing well; dealing with COPD issues
- Wealthie Perry - various health concerns; undergoing various tests for abdominal pain
- Don Pfeiffer - bladder cancer has returned
- Kathy Rader - has a lot to deal with right now and requests our prayers for her & her mom
- Robert (Shirley's Dad) - has fluid around his lungs and a serious heart condition; please pray for his physical & emotional health
- Karlee Wells - dealing with severe migraines, chronic pain & other health issues
- Seth & Kim Willey - prayers that they might close on their new home with no problems
- Blake Williams - mourning the loss of his young cousin Tyler Babcock who died in a car crash recently; personal & family struggles
- Peter Wolenty (Sandy's brother-in law) - various health concerns
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place



## The Paradox of Pride and Humility

Benjamin Franklin, the great American statesman, inventor, and author once noted: "In reality



there is, perhaps, no one of our natural passions so hard to subdue as pride. Disguise it, struggle with it, stifle it, mortify it as much as one pleases, it is still alive and will, every now and then, peep out and show itself—for even if I could conceive that I have completely overcome it [pride], I should probably be proud of my humility."

Yes, pride is an ever present reality and a very real danger in our lives. Pride exalts "self," placing our selfish desires and demands first—before the needs or desires of others—and often at the expense of others. It is the one sin from which all other sins emanate. And humility is that seemingly elusive, seldom acquired virtue which does not come naturally to most of us. In fact, as soon as one realizes he has obtained it he has in effect lost it!

The Scriptures admonish us not to be proud or conceited (Rom 12:3 & 16), but to humble ourselves before the Lord (Jas 4:10, 1 Pet 5:6). We are to strive for an attitude of humility in all that we do because, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (1 Pet 5:5). How then is this accomplished?

It is accomplished by truly submitting ourselves to God—by putting Him first in our lives, above all else (Matt 6:33; Jas 4:6-8). When Christ is exalted in our lives as Lord and Master, self is relegated to its rightful place as servant, pride (putting self first) is crucified, and the virtue of humility is the natural and inevitable result.

The paradox in all this is that when we truly humble ourselves, we are actually exalted by God (Lk 14:11; Jas 4:10). But when we choose to exalt ourselves (pride), we need to know that we will indeed be brought low and humbled by God (Lk 18:14; Pr 16:18). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

## ~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

### SMCC Gospel Meeting

with Brent Newton

August 28—31

"Serving the Son, or Serving Sin?"

### Gander Brook Family Camp

September 3—5

Theme: "A Family of Disciples"



## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR AUGUST

Song Leader: Paul Cote

Opening Prayer: Seth Willey

Scripture Reading: Jason Kennedy

Lord's Supper:

George Nick & Erik Grabowski

Announcements/Prayer: Wayne Sampson

Lord's Supper Prep: Susana Kazel



## POINTS TO PONDER

*The manner in which we serve the Lord's church and His purpose reveals our love for God.*

## ☺ 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!





## Ladies' Corner

Nursing Home: The next nursing home visit will be Tuesday, August 16th, 2016 at 9:30 am.



## Birthdays



24th - Diane Cote  
29th - Shirley Boucher  
9th - Kimberly Slaven  
13th - Janice Grabowski  
14th - Robert (Susana's husband)  
14th - Wayne Sampson  
22nd - Ernie Perry

## Happy Anniversary:

Paul & Diane — August 3rd  
Nate & Rebecca — August 3rd

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

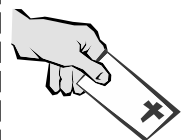
- Next Men's Business Meeting: Sunday, August 7th, after services
- Potluck Fellowship: Sunday, August 14th, after services

## SNACKS!

July 24: Diane  
July 31: Susana

## Ladies Bread Ministry

July 24: Susana  
July 31: Kim



Numbers for 7/17/16

Attendance - 20  
Contribution - \$570.

## Order of Worship

July 24, 2016

"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."

- Psalm 29:2 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Seth Willey*  
~ 1 Peter 5:5-11 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*Wayne Sampson & Jason Kennedy*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"The Problem of Pride"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*George Nick*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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

**July 24, 2016**

## 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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