

Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another" — James 5:16

- Alix Brucker (Janice's 14 year old nephew) - drug addiction worsening; needs prayers
- Diane Cote - dealing with chronic pain
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - various health concerns; Paul: doing reasonably well at present Sandy: dealing with ongoing lymphodema
- 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
- Mary (Paula's mom) - large inoperative tumor in her liver; undergoing two more infusion treatments on 1/28 and 2/18 with hopes of shrinking or dissolving the tumor
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; a cancerous tumor recently found in his nose may lead to reconstruction surgery; also suffers with diabetes
- Lyndon Myers (Susana's son) - non-aggressive strain of prostate cancer; surgery in March
- George & Caren Nick - "Prayers of thanks that we're finally on the mend and also that our family will love the Lord with our entire beings and honor Him with all our resources."
- Ernie Perry - right shoulder is healing well; now undergoing PT; also has COPD issues
- Wealthie Perry - various health concerns
- Don Pfeiffer - bladder cancer has returned
- Karlee Wells - dealing with chronic pain and complications from a head injury, including severe migraines
- Blake Williams - personal & family struggles
- Peter Wolenty (Sandy's brother-in law) - has been diagnosed with colon cancer; currently undergoing radiation treatments
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for those not with us today

"Pray without ceasing." - 1 Thess 5:17



Idols

We read in the Old Testament, with bewildering disbelief and virtuous disapproval, how ancient Israel was drawn to idol worship time and time again throughout their history. This happened even though Jehovah God had specifically warned, "You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself any carved image... You shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God" (Exodus 20:3-5). But, before we judge them too harshly, we need to take a serious look at our own spiritual lives.

The word idol literally means "a fashioned image, sculpture or other representation of a person or being intended for worship" (*Smith's Bible Dictionary*). Because idols of old were typically images made of wood, metal or stone, we may conclude that we do not have a problem in this area. However, an idol can also be generally defined as a false god—anything that takes the place of God in your heart. This would include people, things, activities and habits. When we love, cherish or adore something more than we do God, it becomes an idol in our lives.

When we enthrone an idol in our heart, it breaks God's heart, because we are to love Him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength (Mark 12:30). But we do ourselves a great disservice as well. As the inspired author of the Book of Jonah observes, "Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs" (2:8 - NIV).

This being true, we should follow the example modeled for us by our brothers and sisters in Thessalonica who "turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God" (1 Thess 1:9). And we would do well to heed the loving admonition of the beloved Apostle John who kindly cautions, "Dear children, keep yourselves from idols" (1 John 5:21). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

Baptized into Christ



We rejoice with the angels in heaven (Luke 15:7 & 10) over the baptism of:

☺ **Kimberly Slaven** ☺

whose name is now written in the Book of Life! (Lk 10:20; Phil 4:3; Rev 21:27). If you haven't done so already, please be sure to congratulate her on making this all-important decision and welcome our new sister in Christ to the family of God! We are so proud and happy for 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

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." — Acts 4:12

☺ **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 Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 9:30 am.

Ladies Movie Night: February 20 at Terry Kennedy's house from 5 to 9.

Snacks: Because snack time has been moved to after services, there will be no snacks needed on the days we have our Pot Luck Fellowship.



January Birthdays



26th - Susana Kazel

SNACKS!

Jan:24: Terry K
Jan 31: Jan

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

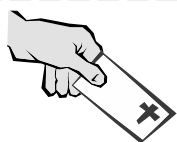
- **Next Men's Business Meeting:** Feb 7th, after services
- **Next Pot Luck Fellowship:** Feb 14, after services



Saturday, Feb 6th
at the building
Time: 6 to 9 pm

Bring finger foods
and of course, dessert.

If you have a special game you would like to play, please bring it. ☺



Numbers for 1/17/15
Attendance - 23
Contribution - \$441.

Order of Worship

January 24, 2016

"Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our maker."

~ Psalm 95:1-2 & 6 ~

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*
~ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Nate Hios & Wayne Sampson

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Essential Elements of the Christian Life"

Song

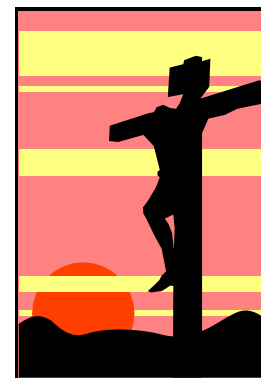
Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Nick

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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 -*

**January 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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