



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Diane Cote - kidney disease & health concerns
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at Greenwood Center in Sanford & doing well; Sandy: dealing w/ pain brought on by polymyalgia rheumatica
- Hurricane/Flood/Fire/Shooting Victims - please pray for the injured, those who have lost loved ones and/or all their earthly possessions ; pray for those involved in rescue and relief efforts
- Luke (Susana's 6 mo. old great-grandson) - inoperable brain tumor; chemo has shrunk it to less than half the size it was; tumors in lungs have shrunk also but still remain; he will have another month of chemo treatments
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - seeking approval for child foster care leading to adoption; request prayers that God's will be done
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also has diabetes
- Caren Nick - chronic fatigue syndrome
- Chris Nick (George's brother) - stroke victim
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Robert (Shirley's Dad) - serious heart condition; also dealing with a UTI & blood infection
- Wayne Sampson - diagnosed with gallstones and fatty liver; also suffering from lower back pain and ongoing anxiety attacks
- Henry Terrill - suffering with lower back pain
- Haydn Wells - suffering from an unknown illness; not pneumonia or pertussis; many doctor visits and tests; after two weeks, has gone back to school, but is still not 100% - prayers needed
- Karlee Wells - various health issues; dealing with PTSD, TBI, severe migraines and chronic pain; now travelling to Boston for treatment
- Peter Wolenty - ongoing heart problems
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for those not with us today



Whatever Happened to Sin?

We live in a time where sin has become conspicuously scarce if not totally absent. In our modern, enlightened, pluralistic society we seldom hear about people actually "sinning." And even in the religious world, theological syncretism has redefined sin, reducing it to maladies, disorders and syndromes. This is mainly due to the fact that modern man has audaciously declared his independence from God. In fact, he refuses to even acknowledge the existence of God. The reasoning logically follows, if there is no God then one could not possibly sin against God.

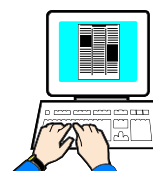
As Christians in a secular society, we find ourselves in the unpopular position of believing in Jehovah God (Yahweh) and in His holy word, preserved for us through the centuries in what we know as the Holy Bible. And sin is a predominant topic found in our Bibles. Both the old and new testaments are replete with references to sin.

A simple and general definition of sin is given in 1 John 5:17: "All unrighteousness (wrongdoing) is sin." Another general definition is found in Romans 14:23: "...whatever is not from faith is sin." There is also the sin of omission: "Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). And there is the sin of commission: "Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness" (1 John 3:4). I prefer the King James Version's rendering of this last verse: "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law." The word translated sin means literally "to miss the mark." To transgress literally means "to go beyond," or to "overstep the boundary." This is an excellent depiction of what sin is.

Our gracious God has established boundaries and guidelines to govern our lives.

Because God loves us and has our best interest at heart, He put these god-given boundaries in place for our good. But when we choose to overstep these boundaries or go beyond their God-given limits, we sin. Such is our plight! "As it is written: 'There is none righteous, no not one'" (Romans 3:10). "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). And finally, "the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23). Such is the human predicament! Sin is real! And sin can condemn us eternally!

While the world around us chooses to ignore sin and ridicule those who warn against its damaging influence and destructive consequences, God the Father takes sin very seriously. So much so that He sent his only begotten Son into the world to pay the penalty for our sin so that we could be saved and have eternal life with Him (John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10). "And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the whole world" (1 John 2:2). Jesus came to give His life as a ransom for mankind (Mark 10:45; 1 Timothy 2:3-6). The incredibly high cost of Christ's redemptive work on the cross should impress upon all of us the reality, seriousness and severity of sin. — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



Visits to Our Web Page

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😊 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. Have a great week!



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Ministry Meetings:** Today, after services
- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Sunday, Nov 12th, after services
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30. All are welcome!



November Birthdays

9th – Christopher Boucher
21st – Sandy Gagnon

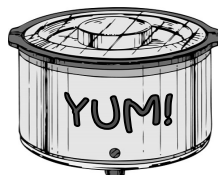


Happy Anniversary:

George & Caren — November 9th

Pot Luck Fellowship

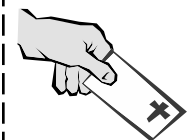
Our potluck fellowship will be next Sunday, November 12th after services. Please make plans to stay for this special time of food, fun and fellowship! ☺



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@awi.net Thank you! ☺

SNACKS!

November 5: Kim
November 12: Pat



Numbers for 10/29/17

Attendance - 17
Contribution - \$796

Order of Worship

November 5, 2017

*"Blessed are those who keep His testimonies,
who seek Him with the whole heart! ... I will
praise You with uprightness of heart, when I
learn Your righteous judgments."*

- Psalm 119:2, 7 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Tony Grant*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Paul Bullock*
~ Romans 7:7-11 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Seven Characteristics of Sin"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Nick

Alternates: *Jason Kennedy/Jim Miller*

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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 -*

**November 5, 2017**

### 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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