



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Diane Cote - diagnosed with kidney disease & dealing with many other health issues
- 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
- Joyce (Shirley's sister) - recovering well from pneumonia & fluid in lungs
- Luke (Susana's 6 mo. old great-grandson) - diagnosed with a large inoperable brain tumor; chemo treatments working; tumor is shrinking!
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also has diabetes
- Caren Nick - chronic fatigue syndrome
- Chris Nick (George's brother) - had a serious stroke recently and is severely debilitated
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Robert (Shirley's Dad) - serious heart condition
- Wayne Sampson - diagnosed with gallstones and fatty liver; also suffering from lower back pain and ongoing anxiety attacks
- Mark Schmidt (Terry & Betty's son) - serving in the USAF; deployed to Qatar; going home soon
- Henry Terrill - suffering with lower back pain
- Karlee Wells - various health issues; dealing with PTSD, TBI, severe migraines and chronic pain; now travelling to Boston for treatment
- Kim Willey - recovering well from recent gall bladder surgery; thank you for the beautiful fruit basket and for all the prayers!
- Peter Wolenty - ongoing heart problems
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today

Dealing With Discouragement

by Gene Taylor

Discouragement is universal. No one is exempt from the dark cloud it casts over our lives. Great men of God: David, Job, Jeremiah, and even Jesus, became discouraged. Discouragement will come. And we must know how to deal with it.

Discouragement, though, is not sin within and of itself. Discouragement may be defined as "to deprive of courage or confidence, to hinder by disfavoring, to attempt to dissuade." it may also be defined as a deep and sober concern because of real problems. The person who is never discouraged is of no real value. The real issues and grim realities of life are too deep to pretend that nothing is ever bad enough for heartache and tears. Discouragement can take many forms and be caused by many things.

Jesus is our perfect example as we live our lives before God (1 Pet. 2:21), the proper standard for conduct and attitudes. While He was on the earth, Jesus had to face discouragements. We must ask, "How did Jesus handle His discouragements?" In learning how He dealt with them, we can learn how we ought to react to those discouragements that come our way. The following are some ways that Jesus dealt with those things that disappointed and discouraged Him.

He Did Not Give Up. Jesus recognized that the key to any situation was in Him, not in the obstacles He faced. Discouragement is a condition of mind not one of outside circumstances. Happiness does not depend upon where you are but upon what you are. Keeping in good spirit is not a question of circumstances about us but, rather, a question of what we are within ourselves.

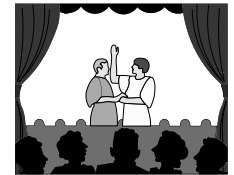
He Took a Wider View. The higher up you are, the farther you can see. Jesus saw things from God's side and that side is not discouraging. He encouraged His disciples to have that same perspective. No matter what happens in our lives, all will ultimately turn out well if we are faithful in doing the Lord's will.

He Kept Working. When He was blocked in one direction, Jesus patiently looked in another. When nothing was left for Him to do but to die, He went to the cross willingly and confidently. Sometimes in life, things may not turn out as we have planned or as we would like them to and we may feel like giving up. Whenever you feel that way, look to Jesus and follow His example. Keep doing the will of God. Persevere with all your heart.

He Always Prayed. When faced with a crisis situation, Jesus gained strength through prayer unto His Father (Matt. 14:23; Luke 5:16; 6:12; Matt. 26:36-42). We too must be people of prayer (Luke 18:1; 1 Thess. 5:17). In times of despondency, discouragement and disappointment, prayer is the answer.

Through many discouragements, Jesus calmly, serenely and thoughtfully, kept right on proclaiming the great truths of heaven, doing the will of God and living a righteous life. So must we. "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9).

Baptized into Christ



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

☺ **Grant Soper** ☺

whose name is now written in the Book of Life! (Lk 10:20; Phil 4:3; Rev 21:27). We are so proud and happy for you — and your family! We are pleased to welcome you to the family of God!

☺ **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Congregational Meeting:** Today, after services
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Sunday afternoon at 3:30



Birthdays



21st – Clara Clark
26th – Nancy Campbell-Jones
28th – Terry Kennedy

Happy Anniversary:

Jason & Paula — October 25th

Visits to Our Web Page

Last 7 days:

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Last 30 days:

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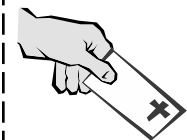


POINTS TO PONDER

“The Lord is in his holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him” (Hab. 2:20). All the earth. The oppressed along with oppressors. Sometimes the appropriate response to God’s seeming silence is . . . silence! Why silence? Because, in the incessant noise and busyness of life, we easily overlook our own spiritual poverty. Silence (solitude) allows us to recognize and confess our sinfulness in the presence of a holy God.

SNACKS!

October 15: Terry K
October 22: Jan



Numbers for 10/8/17

Attendance - 20
Contribution - \$460.

Order of Worship

October 15, 2017

“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: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Paul Bullock*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*

Song

The Lord’s Supper:
Jim Miller & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *George Nick*

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

Alternate/fill-in: *George Nick*

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Lord’s Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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

**October 15, 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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