



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; will have 6 more weeks of chemo treatment
- 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; prayers requested – thank you
- 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 our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today

Self-esteem

During the past 50 years or so, much has been written concerning the topic of self-esteem. Theories and philosophies abound as to how to gain self-confidence and achieve a healthy sense of self-worth. The prominent view of many secular psychologists and professional educators is that self-esteem is self-generated. But the problem with *self-esteem* is...SELF! (Rom 8:5-14; Gal 5:24; Eph 4:17-24)

A dictionary definition reads: "Self-esteem: confidence in one's *own* worth or abilities." While perhaps helpful to an extent, the problem with a self-generated self-esteem is that, with its focus on SELF, it may lead one to be self-centered or self-absorbed. The doctrine of secular humanism states: "Man is the measure of all things." In other words, SELF, rather than God, is the ultimate source of value. Humanists boldly assert: "No deity will save us; we must save ourselves" (*Humanist Manifesto II*, 1973). This is the root of modern man's problem. He wants to do "his" thing without any assistance, authorization or condemnation from God. In short, he himself wants to be god (Gen 3:4-5).

As followers of Christ, we need to realize that our true sense of worth comes, not from ourselves, but from God. **First**, we are of great worth because God created us in His own image. "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them" (Gen 1:27). Unlike animals, we have the ability to think and reason – to make choices that will affect where we spend eternity (Ecc 12:13-14; 2 Cor 5:10; Heb 9:27). "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it" (Ecc 12:7).

Second, we are of great worth because God loved us, even when we were unlovable (Titus 3:3-7). "In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him" (1 Jn 4:9).

"We love Him because He first loved us" (1 Jn 4:19). This is the love that you and I are to be grounded in, that we may "know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge" (Eph 3:19).

Third, we are of great worth because Christ died for us, even when we were unworthy. "For when we were still without strength [powerless, helpless, hopeless], in due time Christ died for the ungodly" [unlovable, undeserving, unworthy] (Rom 5:6). "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). Because of His great love for us, Christ "gave Himself a ransom for all" (1 Tim 2:6). He paid the penalty for our sins so we could have salvation. "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor 5:21).

So we see, self-esteem is not rooted in SELF – it is rooted in God – the God who created us in His own image, the God who loved us even when we were unlovable, the God who sent His only begotten Son to die for us, even though we were unworthy. May we never be negligent, but always diligent, to give our gracious God the praise, glory and honor He so richly deserves! (Ps 139:14). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence" - 1 Timothy 2:1-2

😊 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:

- **Congregational Meeting:** Sunday, October 29th, after services
- **Ministry Meetings:** Sunday, November 5th, after services
- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Sunday, November 12th, after services
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30. All are welcome!



Birthdays

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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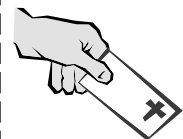


POINTS TO PONDER

When we realize the depth of God's mercy and our great need for His mercy, we can more readily and lovingly offer mercy to others.
(see Titus 3:4-5)

SNACKS!

October 22: Jan
October 29: Betty



Numbers for 10/15/17

Attendance - 32
Contribution - \$631.25

Order of Worship

October 22, 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*
~ Judges 6:1-10 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Jim Miller & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Gideon—Where is God in All This?"

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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- 1 John 4:19 -

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## 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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