



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 5 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

Lost!

In Luke chapter 15, Jesus tells two similar parables in response to the Pharisees and scribes murmuring that He "receives sinners and eats with them" (v. 2). After telling the parable of the lost sheep, Jesus makes the following application: "I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance" (v. 7). In the parable of the lost coin Jesus says that "when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!'" (v. 9). Then Jesus says: "Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (v. 10).

Our Lord goes to great lengths to show us that there is great joy and much celebration in heaven when just one sinner repents and is saved. Do we engage in this level of rejoicing and celebration when one is converted? If not, perhaps the reason is that we don't fully grasp the seriousness and severity of what it means to be lost. In order to truly appreciate the good news of salvation, we must fully understand the bad news of condemnation.

Those in a lost condition are "dead in trespasses and sins" (Eph 2:1). They are "without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel [we could say they are not part of God's spiritual family], and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world!" (Eph 2:12). This is a most deplorable condition! And most who are lost do not even realize the dreadful condemnation that waits them. The lost are caught in the "snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will." They need to come to their senses and repent (2 Tim 2:25-26).

Should they not repent, they will be cast into outer darkness [everlasting punishment] where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Mt 25:30, 46).

"These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power" (2 Thess 1:9). They will spend eternity being excluded from God's presence, not able to experience His goodness or His holiness in any way. This is an accurate description of Hell – a place without *any* influence of God! In Hell, the lost will be "cast into the lake of fire" (Rev 20:15) and "tormented day and night forever and ever" (Rev 20:10). Not a pretty picture, is it? This is why heaven rejoices when just one sinner repents and is saved!

This is why we need to have compassion on the lost. "And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted [defiled] by the flesh" (Jude 22-23). As James affirms: "He who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death [eternal separation from God] and cover over a multitude of sins" (Jas 5:20).

May we ever strive to be vessels unto honor – sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for the all-important task of helping to save lost souls – the most important work we could ever be engaged in! (2 Tim 2:20-21).

— Terry Schmidt ✍



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Paul Cote

Opening Prayer: Tony Grant

Scripture Reading: Paul Bullock

Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry

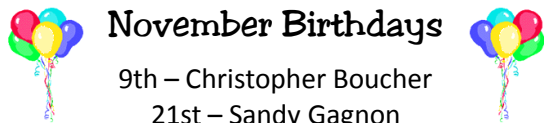
Announcements/Prayer: George Nick

Alternate/fill-in: Jason Kennedy/Jim Miller

Lord's Supper Prep: Jan Sampson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Congregational Meeting:** Today, 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!



November Birthdays

9th – Christopher Boucher

21st – Sandy Gagnon

Happy Anniversary:

George & Caren — November 9th

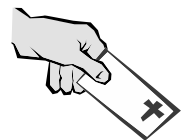


POINTS TO PONDER

Christians can never sin cheaply. Willful sin costs us dearly! We pay a heavy price for our deliberate indulgence in iniquity. Transgression destroys our peace of mind, hinders fellowship with our Lord, inhibits prayer, and brings darkness over the soul. *"Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof."* (Romans 6:12)

SNACKS!

October 29: Betty
November 5: Kim



Numbers for 10/22/17

Attendance - 20
Contribution - \$370

Order of Worship

October 29, 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*

~ Luke 15:1-10 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:

Jim Miller & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"The Lost Coin — the Father's
Yearning Love for Lost Souls"

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 29, 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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