



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Diane Cote - broke her right shoulder during a bad fall; also has kidney disease & other 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 tumors; recent MRI reveals that the tumors are gone; now on chemo & prednisone maintenance for 1-2 years
- 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
- Wayne Sampson - being scheduled for vascular surgery on Dec 27th to address pain in his hips and lower back; also ongoing anxiety attacks
- Haydn Wells - doing much better; thank you for all your prayers!
- Karlee Wells - various health issues; dealing with PTSD, TBI, severe migraines and chronic pain; now travelling to Boston 2-3 times a week for treatment; legal issues continue to be an issue with workman's comp; thanks for 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

Motive and Intent

Whenever a crime has been committed, careful consideration is given to the motive and intent of the lawbreaker before passing sentence. Was the crime done intentionally—or accidentally? Was it premeditated—or was it done in self-defense, or for self-preservation? The answers to these questions have an important bearing on the punishment the lawbreaker will receive.

God is interested in motive and intent also. In other words, He is interested not only in *what* we do, but in *why* we do it. Two people can be engaged in exactly the same activity with one pleasing God, and the other displeasing Him. Two good examples are (1) Cain and Abel bringing their offerings to the Lord (Genesis 4), and (2) the Pharisee and the tax collector praying to God (Luke 18:9-14).

God did not respect Cain and his offering because he was of the wicked one and did not love his brother (1 John 3:10-12). And even though he was worshiping God in prayer, because of his self-righteousness the Pharisee was not justified before God. And what makes the difference? Motive and intent.

When it comes to our worship & service to God, as well as our treatment of others, what we do is important. But why we do what we do is just as important. And if we're not doing what we do for the right reasons or proper motives, then what we do will profit us nothing (1 Corinthians 13:1-3). In whatever we do, our attitude will affect the consequences of the action and how it will be judged.

The Bible warns: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked!" (Galatians 6:7). On the outside, we may appear to be doing what God wants us to do, but "motives are weighed by the Lord" (Proverbs 16:2), who knows everyone's heart!" (Acts 1:24). Let us therefore give careful consideration to *why* we do *what* we do—because God does!

— Terry Schmidt ✍

"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



Brent & Resa have moved to a new home. Here is their new address:

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Newton
 2948 Rock Ridge Road
 Jefferson City, MO 65109



POINTS TO PONDER

Kindness is the oil that takes the friction out of life.

☺ 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:

- **Singing at Greenwood Nursing Home:** Sandy has arranged for the Southern Maine church to sing at the nursing home today at 3:00 PM. All are invited!
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30. All are welcome!



Answers to Our Prayers

We received the following email from Susana on 12/14 regarding her 6 month old great-grandson who was diagnosed with inoperable brain tumors:

"Luke had another MRI yesterday and all tumors appear to be gone! Praise God! He will now go on chemo/prednisone maintenance which is once every 3 weeks for 1-2 years to assure tumors do not come back. We truly appreciate all the prayers! God has greatly blessed us with this news!"

Amen! We rejoice with Susana and her family over this encouraging report! ☺



Visits to Our Web Page

Last 7 days: 3 2 0

Last 30 days: 1 2 6 8

SNACKS!

December 17: Paula
December 24: Terry



Numbers for 12/10/17

Attendance - 23
Contribution - \$403

Order of Worship

December 17, 2017

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear."

- Hebrews 12:28 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Tony Grant*

~ Judges 8:1-3 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:

George Nick & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"Gideon's Leadership & Statesmanship"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

Wayne Sampson

Alternates: *Paul Bullock/Jason Kennedy*

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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 -*

**December 17, 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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