



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

Merry Christmas!

Christmas was declared a national holiday in 1870 by President Ulysses S. Grant. Throughout the history of our great nation, a fundamental message of the Christmas holiday has been giving to others. Traditionally, this idea was based on the wise men giving their gifts to baby Jesus and, of course, our loving God giving mankind the gift of his Son to pay for man's redemption (Matthew 1:21; 2 Corinthians 9:15).

It has been said that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. While we certainly cannot flatter the Almighty, we can and should honor him. Since He is the Blessed Giver (Matthew 5:42-48; James 1:17), who "gives generously to all" (James 1:5), one of the best ways we can honor God is to imitate Him in this respect. As the Scripture says: "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:1-2 – NIV 1984).

As we enjoy the many American traditions of this holiday season, let's be sure to remember the words of our Savior Jesus who said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). When we give with a good attitude and a generous spirit (2 Corinthians 9:7), "God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, you will abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV - 1984).

May God's richest blessings be yours in abundance—now, and throughout the coming year! (Eph 1:3).

— 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

The secret of true service is absolute faithfulness wherever God places you.

😊 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, December 31st after services
- **Ministry Meetings:** Sunday, January 7th after services
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30. All are welcome!

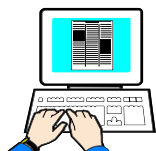


Answers to Our Prayers

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: 305

Last 30 days: 1280

SNACKS!

December 24: Terry
December 31: Jan



Numbers for 12/17/17

Attendance - 16
Contribution - \$335

Order of Worship

December 24, 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*

~ Matthew 2:1-11 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
George Nick & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"The Christmas Spirit"
(is really the Christian spirit)

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 24, 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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