



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Suezanne Bineau (Diane's cousin) - stage 3 ovarian cancer; prayers are appreciated
- Diane Cote - kidney disease & other health concerns
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at Greenwood Center in Sanford & doing well; Sandy: suffering with respiratory & sinus infections; also dealing with pain brought on by polymyalgia rheumatic
- Erik Grabowski - severe neck pain
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - "Request prayers for the Lord to work in our lives and in the life of the little one He has placed with us."
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also has diabetes
- Wilma Newton (Brent's 88 year old mother) - had surgery on her spine to prevent complete paralysis and is now in rehab; her attitude: "The Lord sustains me in life or death."
- Ariana Nick - suffering with serious medical issues; only 16 years old
- Caren Nick - chronic fatigue syndrome
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy (Paula's sister's 53 year old husband) - rapid weight loss, muscle mass reduction and overall deteriorating health; please pray for a definitive diagnosis; pray also for his wife Donna and the family
- Jan Sampson - suffering with acute allergies
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks
- 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 for those not with us today
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place



## Who Will You Serve?

*WOW!* It was beautiful! And it was just what he needed (or so he thought). The lure was incredibly desirable to him and wonderfully appealing. Plus, it promised to excite and please the senses and completely satisfy his needs. So, he carefully positioned himself and bit down hard. Oh my! It was delightfully delicious! He savored the flavor as he consumed the gratifying morsel. Uh-oh! Wait a minute...what's that? A HOOK! The frightened fish frantically tried to free himself from the baited barb, but it was too late...he was hooked!

Not all that different from the preceding fictional fable, the inspired New Testament writer James provides us with the mechanics of temptation and sin. "But each one is tempted when he is drawn away (lured) by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire (lust) has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death" (James 1:14-15).

While initially promising escape, freedom, and pleasure...sin inevitably becomes a ruthless, demanding and all-consuming taskmaster. The very nature of sin (addiction) is to dictate, dominate and ultimately debilitate. But this factual information is not provided during the attractive temptation phase. The sad, sobering, bitter truth usually comes much later after one is hooked (addicted). Some may protest that they are not "hooked" or "addicted" in sin. But Scripture says otherwise.

The Bible affirms this undeniable truth: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom 6:23). Jesus taught, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin" (John 8:34). The apostle Peter agrees: "A man is a slave to whatever has mastered him" (2 Pet 2:19 – NIV 1984).

The apostle Paul confirms: "Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness" (Rom 6:16 – NIV 1984).

There are only two choices of service —slaves to sin, or slaves to obedience. One leads to death, and the other to life. The decision is yours. So, "choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve!" (Joshua 24:15). As the songwriting sage of the sixties, Bob Dylan, wrote: "You're gonna have to serve somebody, yes indeed, you're gonna have to serve somebody—it may be the devil or it may be the Lord, but you're gonna have to serve somebody!"

The Christians in Rome made the right choice. "But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness" (Rom 6:17-18). May the same be said of you & me! — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

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## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR MAY

*Preaching:* Terry Schmidt

*Song Leader:* Paul Cote

*Opening Prayer:* George Nick

*Scripture Reading:* Jason Kennedy

*Lord's Supper:*

Paul Bullock & Ernie Perry

*Announcements/Prayer:* Wayne Sampson

*Alternate/fill-in:* Jim Miller

*Lord's Supper Prep:* Betty Schmidt



## Ladies' Corner

Lakes Region church Ladies Day:  
"Personal Evangelism." May 12th from  
10:00-2:30. Call 603-286-7878 for info.

Augusta Ladies Day: "The God Fearing Woman." May  
19th from 12:00-4:00. Call 207-549-6046 for more info.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Congregational Meeting:** Today, after services
- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Sunday, May 6th, after services
- **Ministry Meetings:** Sunday, May 6th, after the pot luck fellowship
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM. All are welcome!



## May Birthdays

3rd - Paula Kennedy

9th - Jim Miller

16th - Betty Schmidt

23rd - Hunter Wells

30th - Paul Cote



## Happy Anniversary:

Seth & Kim - May 7th

## SNACKS!

April 29: Sandy

May 6: Paula



Numbers for 4/22/18

Attendance - 19  
Contribution - \$505

# Order of Worship

April 29, 2018

"O LORD, You are my God. I will exalt You.  
I will praise Your name, for You have  
done wonderful things; Your counsels  
of old are faithfulness and truth."

- Isaiah 25:1 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Paul Bullock*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*  
~ Judges 10:6-16 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"A Return to Sin"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*George Nick*

Alternates: *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 -*

**April 29, 2018**

## 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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