



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Paul Bineau (Diane's 95 year old father) - can no longer walk
- Raymond Bineau (Diane's brother) - suffered a heart attack and has COPD; unable to walk
- Diane Cote - kidney disease; health concerns
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at Greenwood Center in Sanford & doing well; Sandy: various health concerns; dealing with chronic pain brought on by polymyalgia rheumatica
- Erik Grabowski - Still experiencing chronic neck pain; cortisone shots did not work
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - recently received a call from DHHS regarding a possible placement of a baby; prayers needed & much appreciated
- Paula Kennedy - recovering from a recent appendectomy; prayers for complete healing
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also has diabetes
- Ariana Nick - serious medical issues - age 16
- Caren Nick - chronic fatigue syndrome
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy (Paula's sister's 54 year old husband) - rapid weight loss, muscle mass reduction and overall deteriorating health; going to Mass General at some point for further testing and another opinion; please pray for the family and for a definitive diagnosis & healing
- Trina (new sister in Christ in Lineville, AL) - pray for spiritual growth & maturity in Christ
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks
- Karlee Wells - various health issues; dealing with PTSD, TBI, migraines and chronic pain
- Please pray for those not with us today
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place

*"Pray without ceasing."* — 1 Thess 5:17



## Idols

We read in the Old Testament, with bewildering disbelief and virtuous disapproval, how ancient Israel was drawn to idol worship time and time again throughout their history. This happened even though Jehovah God had specifically warned, "You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself any carved image...You shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God" (Exodus 20:3-5). But, before we judge them too harshly, we need to take a serious look at our own spiritual lives.

The word idol literally means "a fashioned image, sculpture or other representation of a person or being intended for worship" (*Smith's Bible Dictionary*). Idolatry is "image worship or divine honor paid to any created object" (*Easton's Bible Dictionary*). Because idols of old were typically images made of wood, metal or stone, we may conclude that we do not have a problem in this area. However, an idol can also be generally defined as a false god—anything that takes the place of God in your heart. This would include people, things, activities and habits. Mr. Webster defines an idol as "any object of extreme devotion, an object that is worshipped as a god." When we love, cherish or adore something more than we do God, it becomes an idol in our lives.

When we enthrone an idol in our heart, it breaks God's heart, because we are to love Him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength (Mark 12:30). But we do ourselves a great disservice as well. As the inspired author of the Book of Jonah observes, "Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs" (2:8 - NIV). Jehovah God proclaims, "I am the LORD, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to graven images" (Is 42:8). God will never share His glory with false gods. This is why, when man chooses to turn to these idols, God will not allow them to satisfy his deep

spiritual needs. Only God can do that!

This being true, we should follow the example modeled for us by our brothers and sisters in Thessalonica who "turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God" (1 Thess 1:9). And we would do well to heed the loving admonition of the beloved Apostle John who kindly cautions, "Dear children, keep yourselves from idols" (1 John 5:21). — **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; 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

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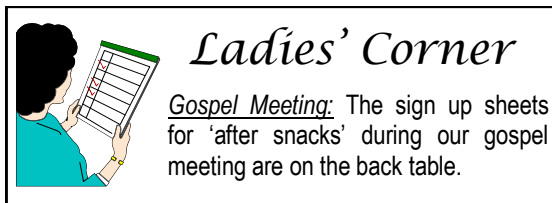
## POINTS TO PONDER

*"The more we serve Christ,  
 the less we will serve self."*

☺ **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:

- **Gospel Meeting with Brent Newton:**  
*"Loving the Church Jesus Built"*  
 September 23-26 (Sunday through Wednesday)
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:**  
 Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM.  
 All are welcome! 😊



## August Birthdays

8/21 - Paul Bullock  
 8/22 - Ernie Perry



"Come now, and let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Is 1:18). The prophet was describing the bright red dye obtained from the eggs of a small insect. Clothes would be double-dyed in this bright red so the color became fixed. Neither rain nor washing would remove it. Sin is like that. No human effort can take it away. It's rooted in the heart. Only the blood of Christ can wash away our sins (Acts 22:16; Rev 1:5).

# SNACKS!

August 19: Diane  
 August 26: Sandy



Numbers for 8/12/18

Attendance - 19  
 Contribution - \$635

# Order of Worship

August 19, 2018

*"It is written, 'Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve'."*

- Jesus — Matthew 4:10 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *George Cuvellier*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*  
 ~ Judges 13:2-7 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*George Nick & Ernie Perry*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
*"The Birth of Samson"*

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Jason Kennedy*

Alternate/fill-in: *Paul Bullock/Jim Miller*

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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 -*

## August 19, 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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