



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
- Pat Glass (Terry K's sister-in-law) - diagnosed with a fatty Liver and needs a liver transplant
- 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
- 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



How Important is "Going to Church"?

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Many reasonably good people seldom, if ever, "go to church." Meeting with others to study God's word and publicly worship Him is something easily ignored in our busy world. To these, church is where you go for a wedding or a funeral, but little more.

The early Christians didn't just "go to church"—they were the church. They were the *ekklesia*, the "called-out-ones," called out of the world by the gospel of Christ to be a light to the world (2 Thess 2:14; Mt 5:16). They were a community of believers, commonly referred to as "the body of Christ" and even "the bride of Christ."

In Christ, they were bound together in "one body and one Spirit...one hope...one Lord, one faith, one baptism" and "one God." (Ephesians 4:4-6). As such, to not meet with other Christians to encourage one another and jointly express their devotion to the Lord was not considered an option.

Had not the Lord said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20)? Had He not instructed them in the partaking of the Lord's Supper, saying, "This do in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:17-22; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)? From the first, the church, consisting of penitent baptized believers, "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, in the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). Acts 20:7 tells us that "Upon the first day of the week...the disciples came together to break bread."

Christians who were becoming neglectful were admonished, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful." *Continued →*

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:23-25).

Christians are not called to go-it-alone as "lone rangers" in a world hostile to God, but to find strength in being bound together with brothers and sisters in Christ in a common struggle. Sharing together in worship and in the word of God should be something much desired by those who love the Lord.

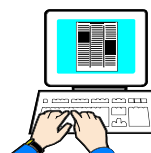
Congregational Cookout

Our August potluck on **Sunday, August 12th** will be a BBQ at Jason and Paula's in Sanford.

They will be supplying the burgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments.

We are asked to bring drinks, desserts and/or salads.

Hope to see you there!



Visits to Our Web Page

Last 7 days:

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Last 30 days:

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😊 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!





Ladies' Corner

Gospel Meeting: The sign up sheets for 'after snacks' during our gospel meeting are on the back table.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Potluck Fellowship: Sunday, August 12** at Jason & Paula's (cookout)
- **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! ☺



Birthdays



8/9 - Kimberly Willey
8/14 - Wayne Sampson
8/21 - Paul Bullock
8/22 - Ernie Perry



POINTS TO PONDER

"God uses present circumstances to prepare us for future challenges and opportunities."

SNACKS!

August 5: Catherine
August 12: Pat



Numbers for 7/29/18

Attendance - 25
Contribution - \$919

Order of Worship

August 5, 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*

Song

The Lord's Supper:
George Nick & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Paul Bullock*

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 5, 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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