



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
- Clara Clark - recently suffered a small stroke
- Diane Cote - kidney disease; health concerns
- Sandy Gagnon - dealing with chronic pain & various health concerns
- Erik Grabowski - dealing w/ chronic neck pain
- Hurricane/flood/fire victims - please pray for all those who have suffered damage & loss during the hurricanes down south, and wild-fires in California, many of which are our brothers and sisters in Christ
- Ronald Lajoie (82 year old who walked into Paula's vehicle while she was driving) - has a broken nose & two broken ribs; now in rehab
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - diagnosed with terminal ovarian cancer; pray for pain relief
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy (Paula's sister's 54 year old husband) - recently diagnosed with advanced ALS and now in hospice care at home; please pray for the family during this difficult time
- Henry Terrill - recent back surgery was successful and he is recovering nicely at home
- Trina (new sister in Christ in Roanoke, AL) - pray for spiritual growth & maturity in Christ
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks; pray that the cause can be found, along with an effective treatment
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for those not with us today

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

The Greatest Gift of All!

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" – 2 Cor 9:15

I wonder how we would feel on Christmas Day if we were to receive, from a friend or relative, a leftover gift from a previous year? And let's emphasize the fact that you would *know* it was a recycled gift. How would this make you feel? What is it that gives a gift worth, value, or meaning? In Proverbs 3:9 we are told to honor the Lord with the "first-fruits" of our increase. This means we are to give God our best. We honor God by the act of sacrificing and offering to Him the very best we have.

The Apostle Paul teaches that we are to offer ourselves as "living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God" (Romans 12:1). King David, in 2 Samuel 24:24, affirmed that he would not offer to the Lord that which had cost him nothing. I wonder, are we guilty of this? Are we, as "living sacrifices," offering to God that which requires no sacrifice and really doesn't cost us anything?

During this holiday season with its admirable emphasis on giving, let us be reminded that *each day of the year* we are to give God our best—a sacrifice that costs us something—a gift that's worth giving.

After all, God gave His best for us: Jesus Christ our Savior—the greatest gift of all! Merry Christmas. And have a joyous and blessed holiday season!

— Terry Schmidt ✍



"I will sing unto Thy name!" - Rom 15:9

Today we will have the pleasure & privilege of singing for the residents of the Greenwood Nursing Home at 2:00. This promises to be a blessing, not only for the residents, but for the singers as well! ☺

"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



Our lives are like a window, through which others see Jesus.

Or, do they?

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me!"

☺ **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 today at 2:00. All are invited.
- Pot Luck Fellowship: Sunday, January 13th, after services.
- Greenwood Nursing Home Service: Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM. All are welcome! ☺



Birthdays



28th - Catherine Cuvellier

VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE

This Week: 3465

This Month: 11206



Points to Ponder

*As we seek to dwell together
as followers of Christ, loving
one another isn't easy,
but it is essential!*

Snacks!

December 23: Sandy
December 30: Paula

*Contribution & Attendance
for December 16, 2018*

Attendance — 17
Contribution — \$1,079

Order of Worship

December 23, 2018

"Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in heaven and earth is Thine; Thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all."

- 1 Chronicles 29:11 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier*
~ Matthew 1:18-25 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"At Just the Right Time"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jim Miller

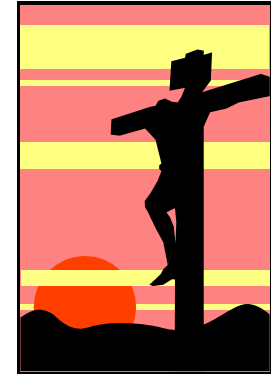
Alternate/fill-in: Paul Bullock

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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 23, 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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