

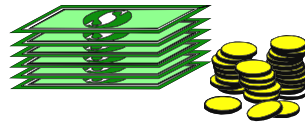


## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Suezanne Bineau (Diane's cousin) - stage 3 ovarian cancer; prayers are appreciated
- Diane Cote - right shoulder healing after bad fall; kidney disease & other health concerns
- Florida High School Shooting: please pray for all the families & loved ones connected to the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting
- Scott Gafford (son-in-law of Robbie Andrews, preacher and evangelist) - seriously cut his hand and is now healing
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at Greenwood Center in Sanford & doing well; Sandy: dealing with pain brought on by polymyalgia rheumatic
- Erik Grabowski - suffering with severe neck pain; looking to medical professionals find the cause and render an effective treatment
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - were pleased (and blessed) to welcome a foster child into their home recently; thanks to all for your continued prayers for adoption
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also has diabetes
- 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) - very tired, weak and losing weight (from 210 to 167 in 4 months); being tested for suspected cancer; prayers appreciated
- 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



## Sacrificial Giving

Few of us would argue that our society influences our thinking far more than we would care to admit. Take the subject of giving, for example. Most of us are willing to give if what we are giving is coming from our surplus. In other words, we won't miss it. The rich mentioned in Luke 21:1-4 fall into this category. Jesus seems to be saying that their gifts weren't worth much because they were giving out of their abundance.

On the other hand, the poor widow's gift was a real sacrifice. She gave all that she had and was commended by the Lord for it. We are ready to give if what we are giving is of no use to us or hasn't cost us anything. Like the recycled Christmas gifts and birthday presents we didn't want or need in the first place. This is what God's people were condemned for in Malachi 1:6-14. They were offering to God blemished sacrifices—crippled and diseased animals that were of no use to them anyway.

But David in 2 Samuel 24:24 shows us the proper attitude: "I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God that which has cost me nothing." We are typically willing to give if we feel that we will be getting something back in return. This is the "What's in it for me?" approach. I'll give so long as I can be assured that I'll get some kind of return on my investment. But Jesus says in Luke 6:34-35, "If you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' lend to 'sinners' expecting to be repaid in full. But...lend, without expecting anything back. Then your reward will be great."

Perhaps most of us could use an "attitude adjustment" in the area of giving. We need to learn how to give sacrificially. To give even when it's inconvenient and even painful for us. And It's not just about money. It's about the giving of our time, talents, energy, and material goods as well.

It's about becoming more like our Lord Jesus Christ who set for us the perfect example of sacrificial giving. After all, He gave His life for sinners like you and me. — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL

*Preaching:* Terry Schmidt

*Song Leader:* Paul Cote

*Opening Prayer:* Paul Bullock

*Scripture Reading:* Jim Miller

*Lord's Supper:*

Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry

*Announcements/Prayer:* George Nick

*Alternate/fill-in:* Jason Kennedy/Tony Grant

*Lord's Supper Prep:* Terry Kennedy

**"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*

☺ **Welcome Visitors!** ☺

*We are glad to have you worship with us today. 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.*



## Ladies' Corner

Conway Ladies Weekend: "Oh Church, Arise!" April 6th-8th. Call 603-447-8855 for more info.

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

- See flyers on back table -

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Congregational Meeting:** Sunday, April 1, after services
- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Sunday, April 8, after services
- **Ministry Meetings:** Sunday, April 8, after pot luck fellowship
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM. All are welcome!



## April Birthdays

2nd - Justin Kennedy



## Happy Anniversary:

Henry & Karolyn — March 31st

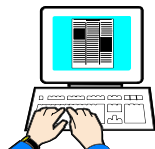
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Last 7 days:

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## SNACKS!

March 25: Kim

April 1: Pat



Numbers for 3/18/18

Attendance - 20  
Contribution - \$262

# Order of Worship

March 25, 2018

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly  
In all wisdom, teaching and admonishing  
one another in psalms and hymns and  
spiritual songs, singing with grace  
in your hearts to the Lord."

- Colossians 3:16 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Paul Bullock*  
~ 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*Jim Miller & Ernie Perry*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"Biblical Principles on Giving"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Jason Kennedy*

Alternates: *Tony Grant/George Nick*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Pat Miller*

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*We love Him, because  
He first loved us.  
- 1 John 4:19 -*

**March 25, 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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