



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: dealing with pain brought on by polymyalgia rheumatic
- Erik Grabowski - suffering with severe neck pain; MRI showed osteoarthritis; seeing a spine doctor; may need cortisone injections; also mourning the death of his 59 yr old aunt
- 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) - having cat scan & MRI this week; seeing specialist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston 4/25; pray also for his wife Donna and their family
- 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

Do Wednesday Nights Count?

(You might add, "Sunday nights, also!")

By Dan Williams

Have you heard the joke that's going around, about the man who was waiting his turn, on Judgment Day? He was standing at the end, of a vast multitude of people, when he heard a great commotion at the head of the line, near the pearly gates. As the noise gradually made its way down the line, the man anxiously asked those in front of him, "What is it? What's it all about?" Soon those in front joyfully passed the word back: "They're not counting Wednesday nights! They're not counting Wednesday nights!"

We chuckle, with recognition at that joke, mainly because we know some, who would be relieved to hear such news. In every congregation, there are those whose spiritual thirst, is easily quenched, by an hour on Sunday morning and thus, they rarely, if ever, participate in any of the "other services," of the church.

The joke reflects a mindset, that occasionally becomes explicit, when I am asked, "How many times do I have to come?" Even though the question may be sincerely asked, I would suggest, that such an attitude, betrays a mistaken, perhaps even "legalistic," approach, to "church attendance."

If you are a "once-a-week" Christian (or a once-in-a-while attender), and you are wondering how you would fare on Judgment - Day, I would suggest, that the real issue to consider, is priorities, not just "performance." As you decide, whether you will return for Sunday\ night worship, or Wednesday night Bible study, ask yourself this question: What will I be doing tonight, INSTEAD OF worshipping God?

If your alternative, is more pressing, or urgent, than meeting with your brothers and sisters, to worship God, then by all means, don't come to church services! In the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus pictured the priest and the Levite, passing by the beaten and dying traveler, presumably on their way to Jerusalem, to worship (Luke 10:30-37).

Their example, reminds us, that "church attendance," by itself" is worthless if we are not willing to live right before God and with others (Jeremiah 7:1-11). So if you are needed to care for a sick neighbor or friend, skip the "assembly."

On the other hand, if you consistently look for excuses to miss the fellowship of your brothers and sisters, only to find yourself sitting at home, watching television programs, you need to stop fooling yourself and rearrange your priorities!

We don't attend any worship service, or Bible class, in order to "punch our ticket!" We come together, to encourage others and be encouraged by them (Hebrews 10:24-25); we attend, to grow spiritually, because "church services," are a place, where we are encouraged to be less like the world and more like Christ (2 Corinthians 3:12-18); and most of all, we assemble, to offer praise to our God, with reverence and awe (Hebrews 12:28-29). My worship, like my giving, is to be the expression of a grateful heart (Colossians 3:15-17), not a grudging duty to fulfill!

So, do Wednesday nights count? That depends. They do, if you are hungry and thirsty for righteousness (Matthew 5:6); they do, if you, like the earliest disciples, are: "devoted to the apostles teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42); and they do, if you are looking for a place, where you and your family, will be encouraged to be less worldly and more spiritual.

Where will "you" be,
this Wednesday night?



— submitted by Paul Bullock

😊 **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.



Ladies' Corner

"Pot" Party: The ladies will be painting/ decorating flower pots to give to our visitors this summer on Saturday, April 14th beginning at 9:00 am at Sandy's.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Today, after services
- **Ministry Meetings:** Today, after pot luck fellowship
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM.

Happy Anniversary:

Keith & Karlee - April 20th

Rod & Shirley - April 28th

Jim & Pat - April 28th

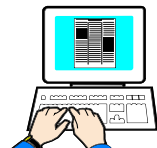
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SNACKS!

April 8: Shirley

April 15: Diane



Numbers for 4/1/18

Attendance - 25
Contribution - \$493

Order of Worship

April 8, 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*

Song

The Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *George Nick*

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Nick

Alternates: *Jason Kennedy/Tony Grant*

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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 8, 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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