



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

Are the Bad Guys Winning?

In 1968, a cigarette, specifically marketed to "liberated" women, used the slogan, "You've come a long way, baby!" Indeed, we had come a long way, but in the wrong direction! During the 1950's and 60's, the **Code of Practices for Television Broadcasters** set forth ethical standards adopted by the **National Association of Broadcasters** for television in 1951. As a child, I remember seeing the "Seal of Good Practice," displayed often during programming.

This code prohibited the use of profanity, the negative portrayal of family life, irreverence for God and religion, illicit sex, drunkenness and addiction, presentation of cruelty, detailed techniques of crime, the use of horror for its own sake, and the negative portrayal of law enforcement officials, among others. The code also regulated how performers should dress and move to be within the "bounds of decency." Further, news reporting was to be "factual, fair and without bias" and commentary and analysis should be "clearly defined as such." Sadly, the anti-establishment movement of the 1960's, along with deteriorating ethics and morals in our society, brought about the complete suspension of the code in 1983. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Code_of_Practices_for_Television_Broadcasters

A similar **Motion Picture Production Code** containing a set of moral guidelines was in place from 1930 to 1968. The production code spelled out what was acceptable and what was unacceptable content for motion pictures produced for a public audience in the United States during those years. Things that were not to appear in motion pictures included vulgarity, profanity & taking the Lord's name in vain; licentious or suggestive nudity; any inference of sex perversion; ridicule of the clergy; and willful offense to any nation, race or creed. Good taste was to be emphasized concerning the use of the American flag; firearms; cruelty & brutality; murder; theft & robbery; romance & sex; and marriage & family. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motion_Picture_Production_Code

In those days, the good guys ultimately won and the bad guys always lost. The message was clear: "Crime does not pay!" That is until 1968. In *The Thomas Crowne Affair*, which starred Steve McQueen, Crowne is responsible for robbing millions from two Boston banks. Near the end of the movie, the audience anticipates his inevitable capture and arrest. Imagine their surprise when they see McQueen board a jet and fly off into the sunset! He got away with it! Crime *did* pay! The bad guys won! And sadly, the bad guys have been winning more and more ever since.

However, their days are numbered. Their pervasive ungodly influence and evil domination of society will come to an abrupt end. "But the Lord shall endure forever; He has prepared His throne for judgment" (Psalm 9:7). "Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous" (Psalm 1:5). But, because of God's longsuffering patience they still have a chance (see 2 Pet 3:9, 15). "Christ Jesus gave Himself as a ransom for *all*" and God our Savior "desires *all* men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim 2:3-6). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

Gospel Meeting

September 23-26
with Brent Newton



"Loving the Church Jesus Built"

*Invite your family,
friends and neighbors!*

(Flyers are available on the back table).

☺ **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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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



September Birthdays



6th - Seth Willey
11th - Jason Kennedy
18th - Karlee Wells
26th - Genesis Cuvellier
28th - Bethany Boucher



POINTS TO PONDER

The best protection against deception is a mature grasp of God's revealed truth.

SNACKS!

September 2: Terry K
September 9: Paula



Numbers for 8/26/18

Attendance - 23
Contribution - N/A

Order of Worship

September 2, 2018

"Give to the LORD the glory due His name;
bring an offering and come before Him.
Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty
of holiness!"

- 1 Chronicles 16:29 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*
~ Psalm 37:1-9 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
George Cuvellier & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"God's View of the Godly & Ungodly"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Paul Bullock

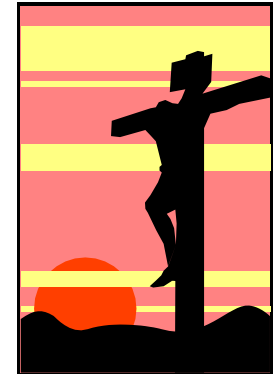
Alternate/fill-in: *Jim Miller/George Nick*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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

September 2, 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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