



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Diane Cote - broke her right shoulder during a bad fall; also has kidney disease & other health concerns
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at Greenwood Center in Sanford & doing well; Sandy: dealing w/ pain brought on by polymyalgia rheumatica
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - seeking approval for child foster care leading to adoption; request prayers that God's will be done
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also has diabetes
- Caren Nick - chronic fatigue syndrome
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Robert (Shirley's Dad) - serious heart condition
- Wayne Sampson - had successful vascular surgery on Dec 27th to address pain in his hips and lower back; now healing; also experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks
- Vicki Walker (sister in Christ) - at Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, AL with pancreatic cancer; prayers requested for her, her family and her brothers and sisters in Christ
- 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 that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God. — Ephesians 3:14-19 📖



SOLD OUT!

By Lance Cordle
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It has been called "Title Town, USA." It is the home of the only NFL team owned by the community rather than one general owner or syndicate. It is the smallest market location of an NFL team and it boasts of selling out every home game since 1960. The football team's season tickets are prized possessions and passed down from one generation to the next. Its football team's fans are called "cheeseheads." Of course, I am referring to Green Bay, Wisconsin. Green Bay is a city of approximately 105,000 and home to the Green Bay Packers, winners of thirteen NFL championships, including four Super Bowls. (Source: wikipedia.org)

With all of this in mind, it was not surprising to learn that the 2013-2014 NFL playoff game scheduled for Sunday, January 5, 2014, was sold out. According to USA Today, a combination of corporate and individual sales kept the streak of sold-out games at Lambeau Field (Green Bay's stadium) alive.

What is surprising however, is that the game was sold-out with people knowing that game-time temperatures would be near zero and wind-chill temperatures would be well below zero. As I understand it, the people committed to go to the game in spite of: the inconvenience of snow and ice around them as they were going to the game; the fact they would need to be in the stadium well before the game started; the near-zero temperatures all during their time at the stadium; the inconvenience caused by having to wear layers of clothing and cold-weather gear to keep warm; the risk of pneumonia and frostbite.

To turn a phrase, before the stadium sold-out, the fans had to sell-out in their minds by being so dedicated that they would spend \$105.00 and

more per ticket to see their beloved Packers play, and hopefully defeat the San Francisco 49ers in the midst of cold, harsh weather. Such dedication must impress all of us, even if we would not be willing to do that.

Why are people so willing to pay large amounts of money and endure such harsh conditions just to see a football game? The answer is obvious: They value their football team. The Green Bay Packers mean so much to them, they have no real problem with the inconveniences.

Such dedication ought to make people stop in their tracks when it comes to serving God. Some folks likely spend less time during a week in worship and Bible study than the average Packers' fan does on one day of a Green Bay home game. A stadium filled with dedicated people on a freezing, winter night should shame many who wear the name Christian but, who in reality, make very few and/or relatively small sacrifices to serve and worship God.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it" (Jesus – Matthew 13:45-46). It is all about what we value (Matthew 6:33).

By the way...on January 5, 2014...the Packers lost. Do you think many of the fans will sell their season tickets? Don't bet on it!



😊 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:

- **Congregational Meeting:** Sunday, January 28th, after services
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30. All are welcome!



January Birthdays

26th - Susana Kazel



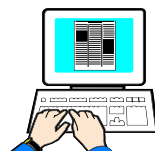
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Last 7 days:

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POINTS TO PONDER

We were created by God to serve (Eph 2:10). When we are actively engaged in the virtuous work of serving others (Mt 20:26), we feel great. Conversely, we were designed to feel empty and unfulfilled when we serve only ourselves, or if we try to serve anyone or anything other than God Himself.

(see Ecc 2:4-11; 12:13)

SNACKS!

January 21: Pat
January 28: Shirley



Numbers for 1/14/18

Attendance - 20
Contribution - \$330

Order of Worship

January 21, 2018

*"God is greatly to be feared in the assembly
of the saints, and to be held in reverence
by all those who are around Him."*

- Psalm 89:7 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *George Nick*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Tony Grant & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Paul Bullock*

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Paul Bullock

Alternates: *Wayne Sampson/Jim Miller*

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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 -*

### January 21, 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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