



## 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
- Suezanne Bineau (Diane's cousin) - stage 3 ovarian cancer; prayers are appreciated
- 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
- Pat Glass (Terry K's sister-in-law) - diagnosed with fatty Liver and is retaining fluid, which needs to be drained
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - their foster child will be rejoining his parents in the near future; request prayers for guidance to determine the next step
- 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) - rapid weight loss, muscle mass reduction and overall deteriorating health; please pray for a definitive diagnosis & healing
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks
- Karlee Wells - various health issues; dealing with PTSD, TBI, migraines and chronic pain
- Peter Wolenty - ongoing heart problems
- Please pray for those not with us today
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)



## Testing

Most of you have no doubt had the experience of listening to your AM/FM radio and suddenly hearing: "The following is a test of the Emergency Broadcast System. This is only a test." Wouldn't it be nice if we had that kind of audible warning in our daily lives alerting us to the fact that a test is coming our way? Testing is inevitable, but we usually receive no warning.

We are all aware of how God tested Abraham when he commanded him to offer his son Isaac as a burnt offering (Gen 22:1-19). Of course, the tests we face will most likely not be that extreme. Solomon alludes to the fact that we will be tested: "The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests the hearts" (Prov 17:3).

*"When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold."*

(Job 23:10)

We are tested in various areas and in different ways. How we react to difficult circumstances, how we respond to difficult people, and whether we will do God's will or follow our own are popular themes. We can rejoice when we do well with the test because this reveals spiritual growth and maturity. But we need not despair when we don't do well because God uses these times to show us areas where we need to improve and grow (Jas 1:2-4).

There was once a college class where young, inexperienced students were planning to ask the teacher to not give them any more troublesome pop quizzes. A more experienced student reminded them that it would be much easier for the teacher not to give these quizzes. He gave them for the benefit of the students, to prepare them for the final exam. It's the same way with God's testing. He tests our hearts for our good so that our lives may be in better harmony with His will and He can bless us.

The purpose of the refining pot is to purify the silver. The purpose for the furnace is to purify the gold. Both these processes require intense heat to rid the ore of the dross which renders it impure. While not always pleasant, God often uses the difficult crucible of life to purify our hearts, strengthen our faith, and perfect our walk. We can trust that He is the master refiner and knows just how much heat needs to be applied.

— Terry Schmidt ✍



## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR JULY

*Preaching:* Terry Schmidt

*Song Leader:* Paul Cote

*Opening Prayer:* Paul Bullock

*Scripture Reading:* Jason Kennedy

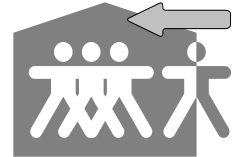
*Lord's Supper:*

Jim Miller & Ernie Perry

*Announcements/Prayer:* Wayne Sampson

*Alternate/fill-in:* George Nick

*Lord's Supper Prep:* Pat Miller



It is our pleasure to announce that **George & Catherine Cuvellier** have expressed their desire to place membership here, along with their children **Genesis** and **Georine**. We are pleased to have them worship with us and warmly welcome them into our spiritual family!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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



### July Birthdays

7/4 – Paul Gagnon  
7/9 - Tyler Kennedy  
7/13 – Karolyn Terrill  
7/16 - Pat Miller  
7/24 - Diane Cote  
7/29 – Shirley Boucher



### Visits to Our Web Page

Last 7 days: 5 0 4

Last 30 days: 1 5 1 4



### POINTS TO PONDER

*"God is always greater than all of our troubles."* (Psalm 93:1-4)

## SNACKS!

June 24: Diane  
July 1: Sandy



Numbers for 6/17/18

Attendance - 19  
Contribution - \$610

## Order of Worship

June 24, 2018

*"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."*

- Revelation 4:11 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *George Nick*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*  
~ Judges 12:1-7 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*Paul Bullock & Ernie Perry*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"Shibboleth!"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Wayne Sampson*

Alternate/fill-in: *Jim Miller*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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

## June 24, 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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