



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
- 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) - seeing specialist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston 4/25; pray for a definitive diagnosis; please 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
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place



Influence

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus compares His followers to salt, stating: "You are the salt of the earth...." (Matt 5:13). What is it about salt that would cause Jesus to make this comparison? What quality or characteristic does salt have that could be likened to a disciple of Jesus?

One fact about salt is undeniable: it always influences that which it comes into contact with. It seasons food, melts ice, preserves meats, and has antiseptic, healing qualities. In comparing us with salt, Jesus is making reference to the power of influence—our personal influence and that of the gospel.

Influence is defined as: "the capacity to have an effect on the character, development, or behavior of someone" (*Oxford Living Dictionary*). This is an excellent definition! As Christians, we are to influence others for Christ. The word has its roots in medieval Latin meaning an *inflow* or *to flow into*—specifically, "the flowing in of ethereal fluid affecting human destiny" (*Oxford*).

Jesus spoke of the idea of flowing: "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive" (John 7:38-39). As the Spirit of Christ lives in us (Rom 8:9; Gal 2:20; Col 3:16), rivers of living water—the gospel message—the love and the light of Christ, should flow from us into the lives of others. This is the fundamental nature of salt—influence.

But, Jesus continues in Matthew 5:13, "But if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men." This is a grave warning for us to not lose our seasoning ability—our godly influence. How can we keep this from happening?

"Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ...stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel" (Phil 2:27). "Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor 15:58). "In all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you" (Titus 2:7-8). "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one" (Col 4:6). "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Rom 12:21).

In doing this, we will "adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things!" (Titus 2:10). And we will be the salt of the earth—the positive influence that God would have us to be, for our sake and the sake of those around us! (1 Tim 4:16).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

"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

☺ **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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Congregational Meeting:** Sunday,
April 29th, after services
- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Sunday, May
6th, after services
- **Ministry Meetings:** Sunday, May 6th,
after the pot luck fellowship
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:**
Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM.
All are welcome!

Happy Anniversary:

Rod & Shirley - April 28th

Jim & Pat - April 28th

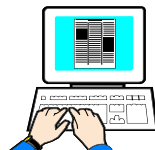
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Last 7 days:

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SNACKS!

April 22: Betty

April 29: Sandy



Numbers for 4/15/18

Attendance - 18
Contribution - \$447

Order of Worship

April 22, 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*

~ Matthew 5:13-16 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"Are You Salty?"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

George Nick

Alternates: *Jason Kennedy*

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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 22, 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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