



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
- Clara Clark - had a small stroke on 9/14; now undergoing PT & OT
- Diane Cote - kidney disease; health concerns
- Sandy Gagnon - grieving the recent loss of her husband, Paul and her brother, David Murphy; dealing with chronic pain & various health concerns
- Erik Grabowski - dealing w/ chronic neck pain
- Hurricane/flood victims - please pray for all those who have suffered damage & loss during the recent hurricanes down south, many of which are our brothers and sisters in Christ
- Kevin Goulet (Justin's father) - lives in the area of Florida which was affected by hurricane Michael
- 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; please pray for the family and for a definitive diagnosis & healing
- Henry Terrill - scheduled for out-patient back surgery on Nov 29th; prayers appreciated
- Trina (new sister in Christ in Roanoke, AL) - pray for spiritual growth & maturity in Christ
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks; pray that the cause can be found, along with an effective treatment
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for those not with us today

"Pray without ceasing." — 1 Thess 5:17



Preparation

In both the old and new testaments, God's word teaches that we should be a people who are prepared. "Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise: which having no captain, overseer, or ruler, provides

her supplies in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest" (Pr 6:6-8). Even the small and seemingly insignificant ant instinctively knows enough to make proper preparation for its future survival. "The prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished" (Pr 22:3). Remaining alert and being ready for the unexpected—for trouble, hardship and danger, is the hallmark of preparedness.

Jesus taught much about one being alert, ready and prepared. In the parable of the ten virgins recorded in Matthew 25:1-13, the five wise virgins are commended and rewarded because they had the forethought to take extra oil for their lamps. They had anticipated and planned for the contingency of the Bridegroom being delayed. The foolish virgins made no such preparation and their lamps ran out of oil, resulting in their being shut out of the wedding. The message of Jesus' teaching is clear: a lack of adequate preparation can cause one to miss out on eternity! This is why He reminds us, "Therefore you also be ready [prepared], for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect Him" (Mt 24:44).

A good working definition of the word *prepare* is: "to make or get something or someone ready for something that will happen in the future" (*Cambridge Dictionary*). Something that will definitely happen in everyone's future is death. Throughout the centuries, without exception, everyone who has lived . . . has died. "And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb 9:27). "For it is written: 'As I live, says the LORD, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.' So then, each of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom 14:11-12).

The inevitability of death and the certainty of judgment warrants one's thoughtful and intentional preparation for eternity. This is why the prophet of old boldly proclaims the needful admonition: "Prepare to meet thy God!" (Amos 4:12).

Are you ready? — *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

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." — Acts 4:12



Points to Ponder

When life knocks us down, we can still look up—for God is on the throne and ultimately in control! (Col 1:15-17). When we are troubled and hurting, He holds us close to His heart and He holds our days in His hands (Psalm 103; 139).

😊 **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:

- Potluck Fellowship: Next Sunday, Nov 11th, after services
- Greenwood Nursing Home Service: Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM. All are welcome! ☺



Birthdays



7th – Henry Terrill
9th – Christopher Boucher
21st – Sandy Gagnon
24th – Glenda Castleberry

Happy Anniversary:

George & Caren - November 9th

We will enjoy our potluck fellowship next Sunday after services. Please make plans to stay for this special time of food, fun and fellowship! ☺



Snacks!

November 4: Paula
November 11: Terry K

Contribution & Attendance for

October 28, 2018

Attendance — 23

Contribution — \$829

Order of Worship

November 4, 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 Cuvellier*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*
- Matthew 25:1-13 -

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Jim Miller & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Prepare!"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

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

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Pat Miller*

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

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### 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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