



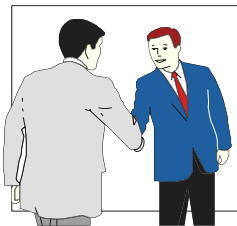
## Prayer Requests:

*"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
- Karlee Wells - various health issues; dealing with PTSD, TBI, severe migraines and chronic pain; now travelling to Boston 2-3 times a week for treatment; legal issues continue to be an issue with workman's comp; thanks for prayers
- 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*



## Good Relationships Begin with Christ

Jesus came to this earth and taught us how to live—how to relate to one another—so that we could have healthy relationships. And, as a result of these wholesome relationships, we can experience a full and abundant life in this life (John 10:10).

Jesus was concerned first with our relationship to God. In identifying the most important commandment of all, Jesus says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30). According to Jesus, we are to love our heavenly Father with every inch and ounce of our being. And this love is born out of our response to the tremendous love God showed us by giving His Son to die for our sins (John 3:16; Romans 5:6-8; 1 John 4:19).

Flowing from this relationship, and in fact intertwined with it, is our relationship with others—how we relate to those around us. As Jesus says in the next verse, the second greatest commandment is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31). This command is inextricably linked to the first. That is, you can't have one without the other. When Jesus reduces the essence of all the commandments down to the two most important, this should get our attention!

As Christians, all of our relationships should grow out of our relationship with Christ. And they should be grounded in Christ. Our personal relationship with Jesus should, in a very real way, influence all our other relationships—including family, friends, coworkers, brothers & sisters in the Lord, people we don't know, and even our enemies (Matt 5:38-48; 7:12; John 13:34).

Throughout the coming year, may we faithfully show the love and the light of Christ to those we love and all we meet. May they see the gracious

spirit of Christ in us at all times. And may it be said of us, as was said of Peter and John, that "they had been with Jesus!" (Acts 4:13).

— 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

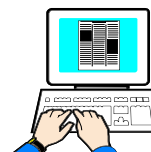
**Be faithful** unto death - Mt 7:21; 10:22; Heb 5:9;  
Rev 2:10

*"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

One of the many ways we serve God is to serve others.  
(see Mark 10:42-45)



## Visits to Our Web Page

Last 7 days: 

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Last 30 days: 

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## ☺ 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:

- **Ministry Meetings:** Today after services
- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Sunday, January 14, after services
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30. All are welcome!



### January Birthdays

26th - Susana Kazel



Encouragement is Really  
Just a Matter of Time...

The time it takes to be kind and comfort another,  
the time it takes just to listen and talk,  
to help someone find peace of mind.

The time it takes to do a thoughtful and generous  
favor that wasn't expected of you. The time it  
takes just to answer a letter, an email, or return a  
phone call, to let someone know you're there for  
them.

Encouragement is really just a matter of time...  
the time that you take when you care.

*"Therefore encourage one another and build  
each other up, just as in fact you are doing."*  
(1 Thessalonians 5:11)

## SNACKS!

January 7: Betty  
January 14: Kim



Numbers for 12/31/17

Attendance - 16  
Contribution - \$752

## Order of Worship

January 7, 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*  
~ Psalm 32:1-6 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*Tony Grant & Ernie Perry*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"Encouragement for the New Year"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Paul Bullock*

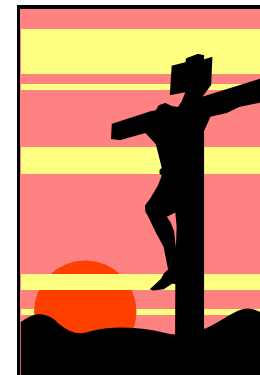
Alternates: *Wayne Sampson/Jim Miller*

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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 7, 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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