



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"
- James 5:16 -

- Paul Bineau (Diane's 95 year old father) - can no longer walk
- Diane Cote - kidney disease; health concerns
- Sandy Gagnon - dealing with chronic pain & various health concerns
- Erik Grabowski - chronic neck pain
- Gordon Kennedy (Greenwood Nursing Home resident) - great granddaughter killed in a traffic accident; daughter-in-law Carol diagnosed with cancer; please pray for all of this family, in their grief, sorrow and difficulty
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - diagnosed with terminal ovarian cancer; pray for pain relief; please pray for Glenda as well during this difficult and stressful time
- Jim Miller - suffering with severe chronic back pain; pray for an effective treatment & relief
- Pat Miller - suffering with diverticulitis; pray for an effective treatment & relief
- Steve Monts (Paul Bullock's brother-in-law) - injured in fall & broke his cheek bone; now recovering from his injuries
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy (Paula's sister's husband) - diagnosed with advanced ALS and now in hospice care at home; prayers needed for the family
- Henry Terrill - now in PT after back surgery
- Tringa (new sister in Christ in Roanoke, AL) - pray for spiritual growth & maturity in Christ
- Jan Sampson - recovering from injuries sustained in a bad fall; may need elbow surgery
- 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

Trinkets or Treasures?

When they chose to listen to Satan rather than God, Adam and Eve essentially gave up paradise for a fleeting sensation of empowerment and a momentary taste of the forbidden (Gen 3). In selling his birthright, Esau chose instant gratification (the immediate, the temporary) over that which is valuable, meaningful and lasting (Gen 25:29-34; Heb 12:16-17). Jesus puts all this into perspective when he asks: "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt 16:26).

While it may defy all logic and common sense, the temptation to choose cheap, transient trinkets over priceless, eternal heavenly treasures is all too real. In addition, these temporary substitutes are often unholy and unfulfilling—making the practice even more illogical and irrational. Moses seems to have understood the true nature of these counterfeits. "By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Heb 11:24-25). Yes, sin is often pleasurable. But, as Moses knew, the pleasures of sin are short-lived and do not satisfy the deep needs of the soul.

When any given sin dominates our thoughts and dictates our actions, an idol has been set up in our hearts. An idol can be simply and generally defined as anything that takes God's place in our hearts. When this happens, we need to realize that "Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs" (Jonah 2:8 NIV-1984). Again, we are reminded of Jesus' words: "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Is it worth it?

It is here that the words of the gospel song "Kneel at the Cross" offer some wisdom: "Kneel at the cross, give your idols up, look unto realms above! Turn not again to life's sparkling cup; trust always in His love!"

— Terry Schmidt ✍



**Daylight
Saving Time
This Coming
Weekend!**

Remember to set all your clocks
ahead one hour before going
to bed on Saturday, March 9th.

"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

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"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

☺ **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!





Ladies' Corner

A Helping Hand with Cancer Patients:

We will be meeting at the building on **Saturday, March 16** from 12:00-4:00 to make things for cancer patients.

Some could make no-sew blankets or pillows (we will have the tables available). Some could knit or crochet, or some could paint pots. All are invited to help. There's something for everyone to do. ☺

Biddeford Ladies Day: Saturday, March 23rd beginning at 9:00am. Speaker— Sharon Gardner, Topic—"The Greatest Commandment." (flyer on back table)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Next Sunday after services, followed by the men's business meeting & ladies' meeting.
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM. All are welcome! ☺

VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE

This Week: 1936

This Month: 1416



Snacks!

March 3: Sandy
March 10: Paula

Contribution & Attendance for February 24, 2019

Attendance — 18
Contribution — \$795

Order of Worship

March 3, 2019

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

- Hebrews 10:24-25 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*

~ Judges 2:11-13 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"Micah & the Danites—Idolater's All"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Nick

Alternate/fill-in: *George C./Paul Bullock*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Connie Henderson*

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*We love Him, because  
He first loved us.*

- 1 John 4:19 -

## March 3, 2019

## 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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