



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Cote Family - mourning the death of Diane's father who passed away on March 14th
- 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) - ovarian cancer; pray for pain relief; please pray for Glenda as well during this difficult and stressful time
- Jim Miller - suffering with chronic back pain
- Pat Miller - suffering with diverticulitis; recovering from pneumonia
- 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
- Tornado & Flood Victims - please pray for those who have suffered loss and damage from the tornado in Beauregard, AL & flooding in mid-western states (many of whom are our brothers & sisters in Christ)
- Trina (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

## Continue Steadfastly

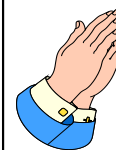
Many in this modern day might question why the first century church was so strong and how it grew so rapidly. While numerous proofs can be cited for this, one definite reason is that "they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). The words "continued steadfastly" are translated from one word in the original Greek: *proskarterountes*. This is a powerful word, rich and replete in meaning. As we consider some definitions, think of how these words apply to the early church and describe our first century brothers and sisters.

According to *Strong's Concordance*, to continue steadfastly is "to attend constantly; to be earnest towards; to persevere; be constantly diligent; to attend assiduously all the exercises; to adhere closely to; give oneself continually upon; continue in or with." *Thayer's Greek Lexicon* defines the word as "to persevere and not faint; to give constant attention to a thing; to be in constant readiness; to be devoted." Some of the later Bible versions translate "they continued steadfastly" as "they devoted themselves." The final definition comes from *HELPS Word-studies* and reads: "to show steadfast strength; consistently showing a strength which prevails in spite of difficulties; to endure; remain firm; staying in a fixed direction; to continue to do something with intense effort despite difficulty; to devote oneself to; to keep on; to persist in." WOW!

Do we observe this kind of strong, vibrant, determined faith in most Christians of the 21<sup>st</sup> century? Do we "continue steadfastly?" It seems that, much of the time, our faith is so feeble, frail and fragile. And it doesn't take much to dampen, disrupt or derail it. How is it that the first century Christians could continue steadfastly in the faith, but the faith of modern man often seems to falter, fizzle and fail?

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."  
(Philippians 4:13)

Clearly, the early disciples loved and were completely committed to the Savior who had died for them. And it is obvious they had fully embraced the assurance of hope offered by Christ. This deep-rooted love and confident hope produced within them a genuine devotion to God, moving them to a more committed service to their Lord. While we still sin and fall short in many ways, when we depart this life and enter eternity, may it be said of us that we continued steadfastly in our Christian walk and that we were faithful in our worship and service to God. — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



### Our Deepest Sympathy

Our sincerest condolences are extended to **Paul & Diane** and family as they mourn the death of Diane's father, Paul Bineau, who passed away on Thursday, March 14th. May God's steadfast presence and tender compassion provide strength and comfort to these dear ones during this difficult time of grief and loss. ☩

**"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 to have you worship with us today. 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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Greenwood Nursing Home Service:  
Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM.  
All are welcome! ☺

## VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE

This Week: 1,105

This Month: 12,851



## Points to Ponder



Worry is a conversation you have with  
yourself about things you cannot change.  
Prayer is a conversation you have with  
God about things He can change.

Jan Sampson has acquired a new  
email address. Here it is:

**janmsampson6@gmail.com**

Please make a note of this in your  
directory. Thank you! ☺

# Snacks!

March 24: Jan  
March 31: Betty

*Contribution & Attendance*  
*for March 17, 2019*

Attendance — 25  
Contribution — \$618

## Order of Worship

March 24, 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*

~ Acts 2:40-47 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:

*Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

“Continuing Steadfastly”

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 24, 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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