



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Don Blackwell (gospel preacher) - severed spinal cord; doing better, prayers still needed
- Cote Family - personal & financial struggles
- Diane Cote - recently suffered a minor stroke; also has kidney disease & health concerns
- Sandy Gagnon - her left big toe was removed on 9/16 with successful surgery; rehab has been completed and she is now home; thanks for all the prayers!
- Victims- please pray for all those who have suffered damage & loss from the recent Nor' Easter, hurricanes, flooding and wildfires; especially our brothers and sisters in Christ
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer; pray for pain relief; pray for Glenda as well
- Debbie McGarey (mother-in-law of Terry & Betty's daughter, Becky) - recently diagnosed with stage 4 throat cancer which has spread to her liver and gall bladder; has begun an aggressive treatment regimen
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy (Paula's sister's husband) - suffering with Lyme disease; still in hospice care, but he is doing better, which is an answer to our prayers; keep praying!
- Wayne Sampson - injured his right shoulder recently and is unable to use his arm; under a doctors care; also 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

*"The prayer of the upright is His delight . . .
He hears the prayer of the righteous."*

~ Proverbs 15:8, 29 ~

Spiritual Blindness

Is it possible for one to appear religious, even righteous, and yet actually be quite distant from God and remain spiritually destitute? Perhaps we should ask the Pharisees and religious leaders of Jesus' day that question. Jesus called these ones who had full access to the Word of God "*Hypocrites!*" He said, "*These people draw near to me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me*" (Matthew 15:8). In another place Jesus referred to these religious leaders as blind guides (Matthew 23:24), and said, "*Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch*" (Matthew 15:14).

The problem here is that these men did not regard themselves as being far from God or spiritually blind. In fact, they prided themselves on their deep spirituality and faithful service to God (Matthew 7:21-23; Luke 18:9-14). Self-deception is insidious and extremely dangerous—especially in matters of faith. James says if we are merely *hearers* of the word and not *doers*, we deceive ourselves (James 1:22). To prevent spiritual self-deception, we are commanded to examine ourselves, whether we are in the faith (2 Corinthians 13:5). This involves serious soul-searching and some close introspection in light of the truth of scripture (Hebrews 4:12).

In addition to routine self-examination, we are to be diligent in nourishing and strengthening our faith. This involves time spent in the word and in prayer. We are to add the "Christian Graces" to our lives so we will be servants who are effective and productive for the Lord (2 Peter 1:5-11). This requires intentional, determined effort on our part. Being custodians of our faith is an ongoing responsibility of greatest importance. Failure in this area can result in debilitating spiritual blindness having definite eternal consequences.

— Terry Schmidt ✍



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for NOVEMBER

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Paul Cote

Opening Prayer: Jason Kennedy

Scripture Reading: George Cuvellier

Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

Paul Bullock

Alternate/fill-in: Jim Miller

Lord's Supper Prep: Betty 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

☺ **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. Have a great week!

~ Announcements ~

- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Sunday, Nov 10th, after services
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM. All are welcome! ☺

October Birthdays

28th — Terry Kennedy



Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday, November 3rd.
So, please remember to set your clocks "back" one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 2nd. See you Sunday!

VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE

This Week: 4,463

This Month: 34,892



SNACKS!

October 27: Betty
November 3: Cathy

Contribution & Attendance

for October 20, 2019

Attendance — 27

Contribution — 460

Order of Worship

October 27, 2019

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

- Colossians 3:16 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—52

Opening Prayer: *George Cuvellier*

Song—261

Scripture Reading: *Paul Bullock*
~ John 9:24-30 ~

Song—297

The Lord's Supper:
Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song—98

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"The Blind Seeing Man
and The Seeing Blind Men"

Song—345

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jim Miller

Alternate: *Wayne Sampson*

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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 -

**October 27, 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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