



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Don Blackwell (gospel preacher) - spinal cord completely severed in a serious 4-wheeler accident; prayers needed
- Diane Cote - recently suffered a minor stroke; also has kidney disease & health concerns
- Sandy Gagnon - due to see a specialist in Boston soon; dealing with chronic pain and various health concerns
- Garcia Family - grieving the loss of their 20 yr old son who was killed in a moped accident
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer; pray for pain relief; pray for Glenda as well
- Matthew (Connie's grandson) - recently checked into a Rehabilitation Facility
- Jim Miller - scheduled to have cataract surgery on his right eye on August 6th and the left eye on the 19th
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy (Paula's sister's husband) - the preliminary diagnosis of Lyme disease was confirmed—its called Ehrlichiosis; he also has a major bacterial infection in his body which is 4X higher than it should be due to non-treatment; he is currently on 2 powerful antibiotics, still in hospice care, and faces a long recovery; but he is gaining weight and doing better, which is an answer to our prayers; keep praying!
- 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

Feeling Like a Failure



For most of us, there are those dark periods in our lives when nothing seems to be going right and we become disillusioned and discouraged. We realize how much we fall short and are oft reminded of our many shortcomings. We may feel that we are inadequate to the task at hand and just don't measure up. Our noble goals have not been achieved and things just haven't turned out the way we planned. Aside from situations and circumstances beyond our control, mistakes happen, errors in judgment occur, and at times we just "blow it" and really make a mess of things. At times like this, we may feel that even God does not love us, or at the very least, He is probably quite disappointed in us and maybe even angry.

Peter most likely wrestled with similar feelings after he had denied the Lord three times. He had done the unthinkable and, he may have thought, the unpardonable. He had done that which he had confidently sworn he would *never* do. He had failed in a most glaring and disappointing manner. The Lord had placed confidence in him and, at a critical moment, he had let Him down. It was over. He did not even consider himself to be an Apostle anymore and went back to fishing.

The important thing for us to remember in all of this is that, although Peter may have felt that the Lord was through with him, Jesus did not give up on Peter. In fact, God used this failure to mold Peter into the great servant he would later become. Peter's prideful, self-reliant spirit was now gone, being replaced by a broken spirit of deep contrition and genuine humility. The Lord forgave Peter and he was never the same again!

Peter's story is encouraging and reminds us of just how much God loves us. Like Peter, God will never give up on us for He has said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb 13:5). God sees us at our best. And He sees us at our worst. And He still loves us! (even when we really don't love ourselves all that much).

As we experience this divine *agape* love and the forgiveness that comes with it, we (like Peter) are energized and motivated to serve the Lord with wholehearted devotion. "I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart" (Psalm 40:8). No matter how disappointing our performance may be from time to time, as long as we are faithful to God and He has first place in our hearts, we will *never* be regarded as a failure (Mt 6:33; Mk 12:30). — **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

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Jesus — John 14:6

VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE

This Week: 862

This Month: 1,801



😊 **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 BBQ**: Sunday, August 11, after services at Jason and Paula's
- **Gospel Meeting with Brent Newton**: September 8—11 (flyers on back table)
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service**: Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM. All are welcome! ☺

Birthdays

14th – Wayne Sampson
21st - Paul Bullock
22nd - Ernie Perry



Next Sunday, August 11th after services at Jason and Paula's. They will provide the meat, buns and beverages. We are asked to bring salads and/or desserts.

All are invited. Hope to see you there! ☺

SNACKS!

August 4: Terry K
August 11: Jan

Contribution & Attendance for July 28, 2019

Attendance — 22
Contribution — \$732

Order of Worship

August 4, 2019

*"I will declare Thy name unto my brethren,
in the midst of the church I will
sing praise unto Thee."*

- Hebrews 2:12 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*
~ Matthew 26:31-35; 69-75 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
George Cuvellier & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Tell His Disciples . . . and Peter!"
(The God of Second Chances)

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Wayne Sampson

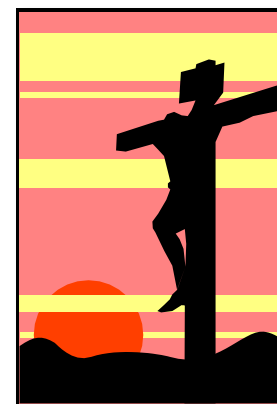
Alternate: *Paul Bullock*

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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 -*

**August 4, 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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