



## 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 - dealing w/ chronic neck pain
- Hurricane/flood/fire victims - please pray for all those who have suffered loss; many of these are our brothers and sisters in Christ
- 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
- Steve Monts (Paul Bullock's 71 year old brother-in-law) - injured in a bad fall (broke his cheek bone) and is now in a coma with two blood spots on his brain; prayers are needed and greatly appreciated
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy (Paula's sister's 54 year old husband) - recently diagnosed with advanced ALS and now in hospice care at home; please pray for the family during this difficult time
- Henry Terrill - recent back surgery was successful and he is recovering nicely at home
- Trina (new sister in Christ in Roanoke, AL) - pray for spiritual growth & maturity in Christ
- 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

## Putting First Things First

**M**atthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." This may come as a shock, but most of us fail to do this! Why? Because instead of seeking God's kingdom first, we're spending our time wrapped up in the cares of this world! Have you ever considered that if this one passage were followed to its proper conclusion, it would revolutionize the church in all its phases of activity?

If we sought first the kingdom of God in attendance, we'd be here every time the doors opened if physically possible! If we sought first the kingdom of God in evangelism, every baptized believer would be speaking the truth in love to every lost soul he or she encountered! If we sought first the kingdom of God in our giving, the church treasury would be overflowing! If we sought first the kingdom of God in edification and encouragement of our brothers and sisters in Christ, there'd be a lot more folks in the mold of Barnabas to build up and encourage our brethren!

Perhaps the most common sin today is that of reversing the divine order of things; of making secondary things primary, and making primary things secondary. How many people do we or have we known who disregard the importance of attending services? Instead, they're at work because they'd rather make a dollar, or they're at home because they think their rest is more important and so on. They've made what should be a primary concern a secondary one. What about someone who holds back on putting money in the collection plate because he's worried about finances? Well, he turned a primary concern, indeed an act of worship, into a secondary concern when he put personal finances ahead of worshipping God. It seems incredible that God, who made me, and gave His Son to die for me, should give me the option of saying what place HE shall occupy in my life.

*"But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." (Mt 6:33)*

If we're going to be pleasing to God, we each have some "first things" to do. We have to seek the kingdom first, then all of the things we need will be added to us. Seeking the kingdom first means becoming part of it and putting it first in our lives (1 Peter 3:21, Matthew 6:33).

As Christians, we must follow Christ before all others. In John 14:15, Jesus says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Our Savior also tells us in Revelation 2:10, "...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Our dedication to the Lord must come first, before all else. We have no right to tell or expect someone to follow a leader we're not faithfully following ourselves!

**"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 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:

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

## VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE

This Week: 814

This Month: 3070



*Love is . . .*

*...silence when your words would hurt,  
...patience when your neighbor's hurt,  
...deafness when the scandal flows,  
...thoughtful for another's woes,  
...helpful when one is in need,  
...abundant in kind word and deed,  
...promptness when stern duty calls,  
...courage when misfortune falls.*

# Snacks!

January 20: Betty  
January 27: Cathy

*Contribution & Attendance  
for January 13, 2018*

Attendance — 21  
Contribution — \$477

## Order of Worship

January 20, 2019

*"God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him  
must worship Him in spirit and in truth."*

- John 4:24 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*Paul Bullock & Ernie Perry*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Jim Miller*

Song

Announcements: *Wayne Sampson*

Closing Prayer: *George Cuvellier*

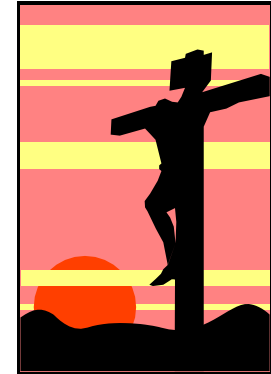
Alternate/fill-in: *Paul Bullock*

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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 20, 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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