



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Don Blackwell (gospel preacher) - spinal cord completely severed in a serious 4-wheeler accident; his wife Sheri was injured too, but should fully recover; prayers requested
- Diane Cote - recently suffered a minor stroke; also has kidney disease & health concerns
- Sandy Gagnon - dealing with chronic pain & various health concerns
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer; pray for pain relief; please pray for Glenda as well during this difficult and stressful time
- Matthew (Connie's grandson) - recently checked into a Rehabilitation Facility; needs many prayers
- Mei Lin (daughter of evangelist Robbie and Judy Andrews) - had recent surgery on her left foot; pray for quick & complete healing
- 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
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks; pray that the cause can be found, along with an effective treatment
- Tornado & Flood Victims - please pray for those who have suffered damage and loss in the mid-west and southeastern states due to tornados and flooding (many of whom are our brothers and sisters in Christ)
- 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 ~



An Exhortation to Read & Study

Benjamin Franklin, the great American statesman and inventor, had only two years of formal education. As a boy, he had to go to work which prevented further formal schooling. But this didn't stop him from learning. He stated in his autobiography that he read every book he could get his hands on. He taught himself through reading. Much the same could be said of President Abraham Lincoln who had to read by candle light and walk many miles to borrow and return books. It is documented that President Teddy Roosevelt read at least one book a day, and sometimes as many as three! And all these great men read and had high regard for the Bible. They also had deep reverence and profound respect for its divine Author. And so should we.

It has been said that time is a great indicator of what we give our hearts to. In comparison to all that we spend time doing during the week (much of it necessary, of course), how much time do we spend reading and studying God's word? This is an important question which demands an honest answer. Jesus emphasized the importance of God's word in our lives when he stressed that man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4). Because God's word is our spiritual food, providing needed strength and nourishment for the soul, we need to feed on it daily. And this is not optional if we want to remain strong in Christ.

As Christians we are admonished to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18) and to "let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom" (Colossians 3:16). This does not *just* happen! In fact, it cannot and will not happen unless we make the time to read and study God's word on a regular basis.

Scripture says, "Wise people store up knowledge" (Proverbs 10:14), and "He who walks with wise men will be wise" (Proverbs 13:20). We can "walk with wise men" through their writings.

Many excellent books and periodicals by our brethren can be easily obtained. By reading articles either online or in brotherhood publications, we can greatly benefit from the many combined years of wisdom and experience gleaned by our faithful brothers and sisters in Christ. Through reading, we can reap the benefits of years of Bible study and a college or university education. For some of us, this may be the only way we will be able to gain this knowledge—through reading and personal study! As Mark Twain has rightly observed: "The man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read."

— 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

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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!



~ Announcements ~

- **Potluck Fellowship:** Next Sunday, July 14th, after services
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM. All are welcome! ☺

Birthdays



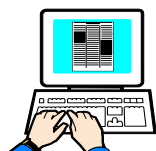
9th - Tyler Kennedy
16th - Pat Miller
24th - Diane Cote
29th - Shirley Boucher



VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE

This Week: 888

This Month: 888



SNACKS!

July 7: Glenda
July 14: Diane

Contribution & Attendance for June 30, 2019

Attendance — 19
Contribution — \$331

Order of Worship

July 7, 2019

"Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples. Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; talk of all His wonderful works. Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD."

- Psalm 105:1-3 -

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song — #11

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song — #2

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier*
~ 2 Timothy 3:14-17 ~

Song — #286

The Lord's Supper:
Jim Miller & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song — #358

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"They Have Ceased Obeying the Lord"

Song — #261

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Paul Bullock

Alternate: *Jason Kennedy*

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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 -*

## July 7, 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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