



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Diane Cote - kidney disease; health concerns
- Sandy Gagnon - dealing with chronic pain & various health concerns
- Erik Grabowski - chronic neck pain
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer; pray for pain relief; please pray for Glenda as well during this difficult and stressful time
- Ernie Perry - suffering with pain in his hip and leg; tests are being run to determine the cause; also 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
- 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
- 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



We are exercising great wisdom when we choose to make prayer a first priority, instead of a last resort.

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

~ Proverbs 15:8, 29 ~

Life's Trials

- Jim Miller -

There are many things in life we cannot control. You can't stand out in your yard in the rain and shout for it to stop and expect it to happen. You can't control what others say whether it is good or bad. You can't change the seasons just because you don't like winter. You can't stop friends and family from passing away when it is their time. And you can't make others love you or care for you no matter how hard you try.

But, what if we were to pay closer attention to those things we do have power over? What if we treated people the way we want to be treated regardless of how they treated us? What if instead of lashing out in anger we held our tongues in check? What if we stopped trying to control everything and looked to God for the answer? I am not sure why but people seem to want to demand everything go their way. Is it not a sin to be selfish? To think so highly of ourselves or to make ourselves the victim in every circumstance we are in? We so easily become slaves to sin rather than servants of God the Master of all.

Part of being a Christian is learning to accept things you cannot change knowing that there is a reason for everything that happens even if we do not understand it. There are going to be trials and tribulations throughout ones life here on this earth we can choose to let them defeat us or we can choose to trust in God and overcome them (Phil 4:4-13; Heb 13:5-6). We can choose to wallow in our misery or we can pick ourselves up dust ourselves off and move forward. We have to keep our eyes on the prize we have to endure the struggles and hardships of life knowing it is but temporary and that one day we will have true and lasting peace.

We can't stay caught up placing our hope in the things of this world. It has been said many times that there is nothing on this earth worth losing your soul for, and this is true. If any one of us lost all they had would we not still be rich beyond measure because we have a loving God who cares for us in good times and bad. We can take great comfort in the scriptures and the promises of God. We are truly blessed beyond measure.

We often fail to remember to turn to God and be thankful when things are going well for us. However, we must remember that we are to be grateful and thankful to God at all times. Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: (Rom 5:1-4).

We are going to face many trials and tribulations the question now is . . . How will we face them?

"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



*Today after services.
There's plenty for all.
Please stay for this
special time of food,
fun and fellowship!*

☺ **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:** Today, after services. This will be followed by the men's business meeting and the ladies' meeting.
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM. All are welcome! ☺

Happy Anniversary

Rod & Shirley - April 28th
Jim & Pat - April 28th



Points to Ponder

*We live in a world that is gripped
in darkness and desperately
needs God's light! (see Mt 5:16)*

VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE

This Week: 1029

This Month: 2234



Snacks!

April 14: Connie
April 21: Pat

Contribution & Attendance for April 7, 2019

Attendance — 17
Contribution — \$396

Order of Worship

April 14, 2019

*"Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD
with my whole heart, in the assembly
of the upright and in the congregation."*

- Psalm 111:1 -

Song Leader: Paul Cote

Song

Opening Prayer: Wayne Sampson

Song

Scripture Reading: George Nick
~ Revelation 2:10 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: Jim Miller
"Be Thou Faithful"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Cuvellier

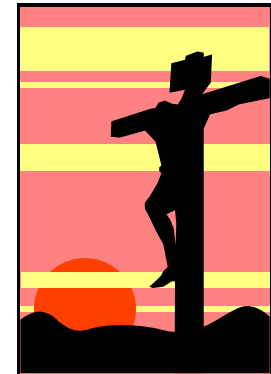
Alternate/fill-in: Jim Miller/ Paul Bullock

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Lord's Supper Prep: Terry Kennedy

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*We love Him, because  
He first loved us.  
- 1 John 4:19 -*

## April 14, 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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