



Prayer Requests:

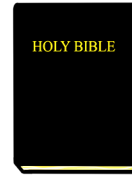
"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Corrina (Connie's daughter) - white blood cells and platelets are too high causing concern; under physician's care; prayers needed
- Cote Family - personal & financial struggles
- Diane Cote - recently suffered a minor stroke; also has kidney disease & health concern
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - has pneumonia and many other health issues; has requested our prayers
- Reyderick Derecho (Cathy's nephew) - permanently disabled and in need of prayer
- Sandy Gagnon - dealing with physical issues and health concerns
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- 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
- Jim & Pat Miller - request our prayers for health concerns and financial struggles
- Joanne Neithercut - suffered a minor stroke on 11/11; surgery to remove plaque "spot" in her brain was successful; now undergoing therapy at The Cedars rehabilitation center in Portland
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy (Paula's sister's husband) - suffering with Lyme disease
- Wayne Sampson - injured his right shoulder recently and may be having surgery soon; also experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks
- 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

"Hope" You Get Much Good From This Lesson



The lesson this morning is about hope. What exactly is it? The Bible presents hope as desire and expectation. Consider Romans 8:24: "For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?" What a great statement! *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary* defines hope as: "Desire with expectation of obtaining what is desired, or belief that it is obtainable."

What kinds of things do you hope for? You hope to be successful. You hope to be loved. You hope to be happy. You hope for a good paying job. You hope to have a nice home, good friends, be successful in your finances. We hope to arrive safely when we travel. We hope to go to heaven. Whatever we hope for, we need to do things so that our hope stands a chance to become a reality. You can't be successful without striving to be successful. You need to be loving if you hope to be loved. While it is true that God loves even the most unlovable, it does not work that way with human beings as a general rule. If you hope to have a nice home, you need to work in order to make that happen. If you hope to go to heaven, it will not happen by accident. You must strive to make that hope a reality.

In the lesson, we are going to examine "hope" in the light of God's word. The Bible has much to say about hope, those who have a right to expect the end results of their efforts and those who have no hope. Which best describes your situation? We will talk about it. I want you to have hope.

I pray to God, that you get much good out of this lesson. I hope you enjoy it and that you are edified by it. I close with this scripture: "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously. And godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus

Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." (Titus 2:11-14) — **Paul A. Bullock** ✍

Time to Re-Gift!



After our pot luck meal on Sunday, December 8th, we will have our traditional Yankee Swap. All gifts should be wrapped, and those specifically for men or women should be marked "Male" or "Female." It would be good to bring a gift for a child or baby as we have several children who usually participate in our Yankee Swap. So bring your wrapped gifts and be ready to enjoy a time of great fun and a lot of laughs as we share this time together! ☺

"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

☺ **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 ~

- **Pot Luck Fellowship & Yankee Swap:**
Next Sunday (12/8), after services
- **Singing at Greenwood Nursing Home:**
Sunday, December 15th at 2:00 PM
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:**
Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM.
All are welcome! ☺

December Birthdays

2nd - Erik Grabowski
9th - Terry Schmidt
16th - Brandon Kennedy
28th - Catherine Cuvellier

Happy Anniversary!

Terry & Betty - December 6th

VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE

This Week: 4,581

November: 21,527



SNACKS!

December 1: Diane
December 8: Sandy

Contribution & Attendance

for November 24, 2019

Attendance — 20

Contribution — N/A

Order of Worship

December 1, 2019

*“Seek ye the LORD while He may
be found, call ye upon Him
while He is near”*

- Isaiah 55:6 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—49

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—27

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*
~ Romans 8:24-25 ~

Song—322

The Lord's Supper:
George Cuvellier & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song—98

Sermon: *Paul Bullock*
“Hope”

Song—644

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

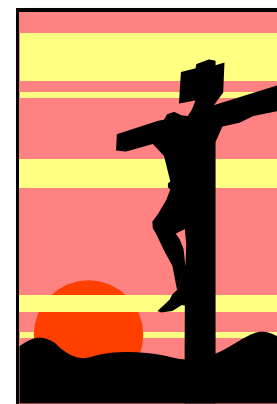
Alternate: *George Cuvellier*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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

December 1, 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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