



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Paul Bineau (Diane's 95 year old father) - can no longer walk
- Clara Clark - recently suffered a small stroke
- 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 damage & loss during the hurricanes down south, and wild-fires in California, many of which 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
- 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

*"The prayer of the upright is His delight . . .  
He hears the prayer of the righteous."  
~ Proverbs 15:8, 29 ~*

## A Faithful Servant

When we pass from this life, one thing most of us would not mind having engraved on our tombstone would be the phrase: "Faithful Servant of God." This would be a very fitting, and even flattering epitaph. For the faithful child of God, it adequately sums up and honors a life of dedicated Christian service. But what is involved in becoming and remaining a faithful servant of God?

First, we must *agree with God*, that His will and His ways are right and best for us—through a complete surrender. God is good, and He always seeks our good. And everything He asks us to do (or not do) in His word is for our good and is calculated to be in our best interest, because He loves us.

Second, we must *cooperate with God*, by giving Him complete and unrestricted access to our hearts and lives—through continuous submission. Willful, deliberate sin will frustrate the Lord's efforts to transform us into the image of Christ (Rom 8:29; 12:2). We must accept the fact that we cannot manage or compartmentalize sin, for eventually it will dictate, inevitably it will dominate, and ultimately it will debilitate!

And third, we must *depend on God*, looking only to Him to have our needs met—through an absolute and unwavering trust. This includes the deep God-given needs of acceptance, approval, appreciation, self-esteem and the like. Manipulating others or orchestrating circumstances in an effort to meet these needs is not acceptable and will hinder our progress. Rather, we must totally and unreservedly trust in Almighty God, the Blessed Giver.

— 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

*"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*

## A Life of Confounding Contradictions

*Samson's life is one of contradiction. He was a man of great physical strength yet displayed great moral weakness. He was a judge for 20 years and "a Nazirite, set apart to God from birth" (Judges 13:5), yet he continually broke the rules of a Nazirite. The Spirit of God came upon him many times, giving him great strength to fight the Philistines, the oppressors of the Israelites. This in spite of the fact that Samson was a womanizer and a vengeful man. Samson's life illustrates the necessity of saying "no" to fleshly temptation. He shows us that God uses even flawed, sinful men to accomplish His will, while confirming the fact that sin has definite consequences.*

😊 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!*



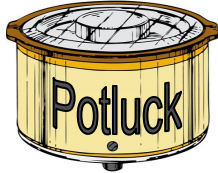
## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Pot Luck Fellowship: Today, after services.
- Greenwood Nursing Home Service: Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM. All are welcome! ☺

## VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE

This Week: 866

This Month: 2094



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

Encouragement is really just a matter of time...the time it takes to be kind; the time it takes just to listen and talk; to help someone find peace of mind; the time it takes to do a thoughtful and generous favor that wasn't expected of you; the time that it takes just to answer a letter or return a phone call, to let someone know you're there for them. Encouragement is really just a matter of time...the time that you take when you care.

# Snacks!

January 13: Jan  
January 20: Betty

### Contribution & Attendance for January 6, 2018

Attendance — 21  
Contribution — \$447

## Order of Worship

January 13, 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*  
~ Judges 16:15-21 ~

Song

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

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"The Sorrowful Saga of Samson"

Song

Announcements: *Wayne Sampson*

Closing Prayer: *George Cuvellier*

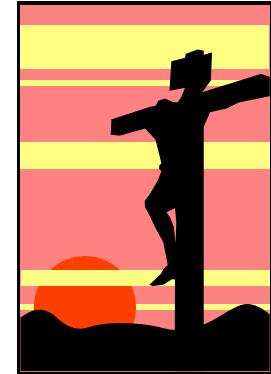
Alternate/fill-in: *Paul Bullock*

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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 13, 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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