



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Don Blackwell (gospel preacher) - spinal cord completely severed in a serious car accident; his wife Sheri was injured too, but should fully recover; prayers requested
- Diane Cote - kidney disease; health concerns
- Sandy Gagnon - dealing with chronic pain & various health concern
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer; pray for pain relief; please pray for Glenda as well during this difficult and stressful time
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Mei Lin (daughter of evangelist Robbie and Judy Andrews) - had recent surgery on her left foot; pray for quick & complete healing
- Norman Roy (Paula's sister's husband) - diagnosed with advanced ALS and now in hospice care at home; prayers needed for the family
- 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
- Betty Schmidt - prayers for safe travel visiting family in Illinois
- Tornado Victims - please pray for those who have recently suffered damage and loss in the mid-west and southeastern states due to tornados (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 ~

A Proof of Your Faith

A poor beggar once called out for alms as the impressive entourage of Alexander the Great was passing by. The ragged man humbly held out his calloused and withered hands to collect any offering which the royal king might throw his way. Moved by his poverty and humility, Alexander kindly offered him several gold coins. Astonished at his generosity, an accompanying attendant said, "Sir, *copper* coins would be more than sufficient to meet this beggar's need." Alexander responded, "Yes, copper coins would suit the beggar's need, but gold coins suit Alexander's giving."

Alexander obviously chose to maintain a standard in giving that would do justice to his noble status. He understood that *what* he gave and the *manner* in which he gave it reflected directly upon him and revealed much about his character. The same is true of us. *What* we give and *how* we give it says a lot about our Christianity. The Apostle Paul states in 2 Corinthians 9:13 – "This service you do [giving] is a proof of your faith. Many people will praise God because of it. They will praise God because you follow the Good News of Christ—the Gospel you say you believe" (ICB).

WOW! *What* we give...and *how* we give it... presents tangible proof of our faith! That's powerful! This 2 Corinthians 9 text teaches that we are to give what we have decided in our hearts to give. And we are to give it because we *want* to, not because we *have* to—willingly, not reluctantly or under compulsion. It also pleases the Lord when we give generously and cheerfully (2 Cor 9:6-7). Most would agree that we have a ways to grow in this area.

When it comes to giving, our first century Macedonian brothers and sisters provide an excellent example for us to follow. Although they were enduring a most severe trial and were experiencing extreme poverty, they urgently pleaded for the privilege of sharing and gave as much as they were able (2 Cor 8:1-5). More than anything else, they wanted to do God's will, even if it meant tremendous sacrifice. May God help us to also excel in this grace of giving (2 Cor 8:7). And may God be praised because of our rich generosity and loving obedience. — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

God's Genius Design

The human tongue has approximately 8,000 taste buds, with another 2,000 found on the inside of our cheeks, on the lips, on the roof of our mouth, and even under the tongue. And there are specific segments on the tongue for sensing different tastes. Each individual taste bud has around 15 receptacles capable of sensing tastes and sending taste-signals to the brain. Each of these receptacles has somewhere between 50-100 taste-sensing cells, with each cell capable of sensing only one taste. Also, the tongue is incapable of detecting taste if it is dry. It can sense taste only in the presence of saliva that keeps it moist. Not only does the tongue give us our taste, it also makes talking possible, and helps us spit, swallow, and even kiss! - Adapted from *Reason and Science*

"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

VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE

This Week: 1121

This Month: 4368



☺ **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.

~ Announcements ~

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



May Birthdays

30th - Paul Cote

Happy Anniversary!

George & Catherine - May 31st

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



*"...food which God created to be received with
thanksgiving by those who believe and
know the truth." — 1 Timothy 4:3*

SNACKS!

May:19: Paula
May 26: Terry K

*Contribution & Attendance
for May 12, 2019*

Attendance — 25
Contribution — \$584

Order of Worship

May 19, 2019

*"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory
and honor and power; for You created
all things, and by Your will they exist
and were created."*

- Revelation 4:11 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *George Cuvellier*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*
~ John 6:1-13 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
George Nick & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Loaves and Fishes"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Wayne Sampson

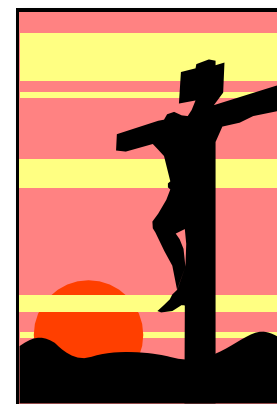
Alternate/fill-in: Jim Miller/ Paul Bullock

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Pat Miller*

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

**May 19, 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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