



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Cote Family - personal & financial struggles
- Diane Cote - kidney disease/ health concerns
- Randy Cote (Paul & Diane's son) - requests prayers; having family problems
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho (Cathy's nephew) - permanently disabled and in need of prayer
- Bill Ferrigno (friend of Terry S) - recently diagnosed with lymphatic cancer
- Sandy Gagnon - dealing with physical issues and health concerns
- Avis Going-Taylor (Sandy's friend) - serious & severe back issues; now in assisted living
- Erik Grabowski - being treated for a painful tennis elbow; Janice is experiencing neck pain
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Doreen Jadwick (Erik's Aunt) - mental illness treated & under control; grateful for prayers
- Raymond Lamb (friend of Randy Cote) - has stage 3 cancer of the kidneys & stomach
- Debbie McGarey (mother-in-law of Terry & Betty's daughter, Becky) - throat cancer
- Pat Miller - being treated for diverticulitis and is now recuperating; thanks for prayers
- George Nick - family issues & concerns
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy (Paula's sister's husband) - suffering with Lyme disease
- Wayne Sampson - recovering from surgery on right shoulder; 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

Job's Faith



At times we are confronted with situations we aren't sure we can endure. Some folks are faced with health issues, some face financial hardship, still others face a combination of things they cannot control. Fear is a huge motivating factor in our lives. Fear at times will make us do things that we know we shouldn't. It causes distress and sometimes causes us to sin against God.

I remember times in my life when I got down on my knees asking God, "Why is this happening to me?" and proclaiming, "I can't bare this anymore Lord." Yet here I am today, still alive and still blessed. At times like this, I can't help but think of Job and ask myself, "Where is my faith?" Consider this, if you will. Job's life is an example for Christians everywhere. There are many lessons that Christians can learn from the story of Job. Here are a few:

1. Serving God is a lifelong job (1:1-5). Christians need to sacrifice and pray every single day of their lives in order to go on to perfection. We can also help others by praying for them like Job did. "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (Jas. 5:16).

2. The righteous are not exempt from suffering. Just because someone is poor or ill does not mean that he is a sinner. We must not confuse wealth with approval from God or illness with sin. See Matthew 9:21-22 and John 9:2-3.

3. Suffering can come "overnight" (1:13-19). No one knows what will be on the morrow. Christians need to be ready for trials. James 4:14 says, "Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away."

4. Suffering can be devastating (2:1-8). Be humble in the sight of the Lord and in regard to your ability to endure.

5. Friends and family cannot be relied upon in the end (2:9-13). The importance of individual faith needs to be emphasized in the lives of Christians everywhere. Each individual is accountable for his own life. Well-meaning friends and family may give bad advice, but obedience to the Lord's commandments will ultimately always be right.

No one, not even God, has said life would be easy. But if we will put our faith, hope, and trust in Him who created us we can endure.

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? (Matthew 6:26-30). — **Jim Miller** ✍

"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 to have you worship with us today. 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 ~

- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:**
Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM.
All are welcome! ☺

"I will lift up my eyes to the hills—From whence comes my help?" (Psalm 121:1). A person's eyes can tell the whole story. In one look you can see pain or pleasure, sorrow or surprise. With one look you can know if a person is distracted, disappointed, or even despondent. The eyes are the window to the soul. "My heart pants, my strength fails me; as for the light of my eyes, it also has gone from me" (Psalm 38:10). "I am weary with my crying; my throat is dry; my eyes fail while I wait for my God" (Psalm 69:3). Did you see that? The light of life had been taken from the eyes of the one hurting. The eyes of the hurting had cried so much, their throat had gone dry and the eyes failed, they had no more tears to give. When the heart has reached its breaking point, when it has had all that it can take; when the eyes have cried all the tears they can cry and when there is an emptiness beyond description of words, "I will lift up my eyes to the hills." Disease, divorce, death, discouragement, debt, disaster; if you stare long enough and intently enough at any one of these, your eyes will be filled with the pain of these moments. "From whence comes my help?" This was rhetorical, because deep down inside, cutting through the pain, was the reminder of truth, "My help comes from the Lord!" - Bryan McAlister

SNACKS!

Feb 16: Betty
Feb: 23: Cathy

Contribution & Attendance

for February 9, 2020

Attendance — 23

Contribution — \$573.00

Order of Worship

February 16, 2020

*"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God,
and Him only shalt thou serve."*

- Jesus — Matthew 4:10 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—59

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—13

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*
~ Psalm 62:1-4 ~

Song—287

The Lord's Supper:
Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song—100

Sermon: *Jim Miller*
"Trust in God at All Times"

Song—640

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Cuvellier

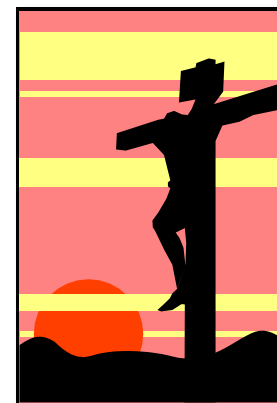
Alternate: *Paul Bullock*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Connie Henderson*

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

## February 16, 2020

### 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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