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President's Letter:

Hello once more. I hope you are not too sick with the flu going around as it has. If you are feeling up to it, we would love to see you at the **next reunion**. It is at the **First Congregational Church of Thomaston**. The Coordinator Selection Committee will be starting to meet soon and I would ask that you would pray for the people who will be selecting our **new Coordinator**. Pray also for the Coordinator and that the future team will be a great one that works for God.

I would like to talk to you about being the **light of the world**. **Matthew 5: 14-16** says, '**You are the light for the whole world, a city on a hill cannot be hidden.**' He goes on to say '**In the same way your light must shine for all people so they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in Heaven.**' We have to **live for God first**. Then He will use us as the light to the world by using the good things that we do. We have to remember **that we cannot do good things on our own**. Yes, we can do some good things, but we do them to give God the credit. If people ask why you don't do some things or why you are so nice, tell them it is from God that you pull your strength.

God also gives a warning in **Luke 8: 17-18** '**That all hidden things will be brought to light**' He goes on in Verse 18 '**Be careful then how you listen, because those who have something will be given more, but whoever has nothing what little they have will be taken away.**' Those are hard words but they are told to us in love, because He wants us to be his people. If we trust God and we have done something for the Lord, He will give us so much more. But if we have done nothing for the Lord then He will take away the little we have. Now don't lose heart with what I have said. The words I have put down are to get you to think about the mighty God we pray to. His only Son came down and lived with us. He knows what we are going through. He came to pay for our debts but we have to let him into our hearts. Have you done that? I know I have.

Praise God,

Matt Johnson

Aventura President

Upcoming Reunions and Other Dates:

January Reunion:

Saturday, January 26, 6:30pm ASSEMBLY MEETING

First Congregational Church of Thomaston

Please consider bringing a favorite snack or soda to share! ☺

Birthdays:

Mikayla Kallsen	January 06
Steve Peyre	January 09
Cayli Cables	January 16
Michele Rosa	January 19
Conor McCarthy	January 20
Andrew Bodnar	January 24
Alicia Flinn	January 26
Erica Misiorski	January 27

Prayer Requests:

Please feel free to send prayer requests to our ‘**prayistas**’:

- Barb Clavette (JEClavette@snet.net or 482-0172)
- Sandy Miller (SanJeanM@AOL.com or 482-5601)

They will pass the appropriate ones along to the Croaker to be listed here and send out emails to the prayer chain. Be sure to let them know if you wish to remain anonymous or if you don't want the prayer published at all.

Web Stuff to Note:

Art Richards and Rachel LePine are currently redesigning the [Aventura site](#). Let us know what you'd like to see on the new site by messaging us on [FaceBook](#)!

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