

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Ladies Bible Class will be Saturday, Oct 19 at 1:00 PM at Terry Kennedy's. We will be studying Lot's wife.
- Potluck: October 13th after services

October Birthdays:

18th – Robyn Mackey
21st – Clara Clark
26th – Nancy Campbell-Jones
28th – Terry Kennedy
29th – Helen Murphy

Happy Anniversary:

10/9 – Sampson

☺ *Thank you!* ☺

You are all to be commended for the exemplary way you supported our recent gospel meeting. The planning, organization and hard work you put into this effort was obvious and helped make the meeting enjoyable and memorable. Particularly impressive was the quantity and quality of the food provided after the sessions. Our ladies rose to the occasion and went beyond the call of duty! The ladies also did an outstanding job in cleaning, setting up and decorating. Everything looked extremely neat, impeccably clean and highly presentable. Thank you! Our speaker Brent was housed comfortably and fed well. Thanks to those who invited him to their homes and showed him some of the beautiful sites of Maine. We can rejoice in the fact that the body of Christ here is healthy and works together well. To God be the glory!

Order of Worship

"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness." — Psalm 29:2

Song Leader:

Nate Hios

Song

Opening Prayer:

Henry Terrill

Song

Scripture Reading:

Wayne Sampson

Song

The Lord's Supper:

Tony Grant & Wayne Sampson

Contribution

Song

Sermon:

Terry Schmidt

"Jesus is Amazing!"

Song

Announcements:

Terry Schmidt

Closing Prayer:

George Nick

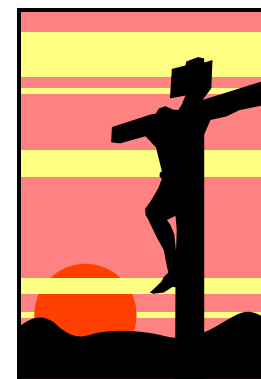
Greeters: *Tony and/or Nancy Grant*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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October 6, 2013

Sunday Assembly Times:

9:30 am - Bible Classes for all ages
10:30 am—Worship
6:00—Bible Study

Wednesday Assembly:

7:00 - Bible Study for all ages

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Prayer Requests:

- Paul & Sandy and family as they brave the aftermath of Paul's recent stroke.
- Carrie (Sandy's daughter)- diagnosed with an auto-immune disease
- Jody (Caren's nephew) - out of coma
- Nick Family – prayers for strength
- Ariana (George & Caren's granddaughter) - continued prayers for her serious health issues
- Nancy (Shirley's step-mother) - recovering from a stroke; being evaluated for home assistance; pray for Bob too
- Caren - that paperwork to go to South Africa in June is processed speedily and ready ahead of time
- Kim Murray & family (friend of Amber) - 2 year old son Tripp recently had brain surgery to remove a massive tumor which has spread to his brain stem; it is a very aggressive form of cancer; starting chemotherapy soon; prognosis not good.
- Terry Kennedy - ankle pain; continued healing from knee replacement surgery
- Prayers for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Prayers for WBS students
- Continued prayers for church growth
- Prayers for those not with us today

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Gospel Meeting Attendance:

9/29/13 AM . . . 31

9/29/13 PM . . . 14

9/30/13 18

10/1/13 16

10/2/13 25

Contribution for 9/29/13 — \$523.00

Are We Still Amazed at Jesus?

A family gathers around a small table-top console excitedly watching a snowy test-pattern on a 10" black & white television screen. It's 1948 and this appliance is the latest in technology and entertainment. It's new and exciting and they are amazed that this test pattern is being visually transmitted from a broadcast tower many miles away from their home. They feel privileged because only one in ten Americans has seen a television set up to this point. Only 350,000 TV sets are in operation in the USA in 1948. And only 27 Stations in 18 different cities are in full operation.

Contrast this scene with one that occurred 24 years later. In December 1972, the Apollo 17 moon walk preempted regular network programming, and the subsequent capsule splashdown preempted the soap opera "Days of Our Lives." Thousands of viewers called local TV stations and the major networks to complain. We had come a long way from being captivated by a snowy test-pattern on a 10" black & white TV screen, to being bored with watching men walking on the moon! What happened?

It seems the "new and exciting" had become familiar, ordinary and routine. Viewers had seen men walking on the moon a number of times since July 21, 1969 and they were no longer amazed. In fact, many were totally uninterested and unconcerned. Question: Could this happen to you and me with regard to our relationship to Jesus Christ? Can we get to the point where we become so familiar with the gospel story that it no longer interests or excites us? (Rom 1:16; 5:6-10). Do we still feel privileged that our sins have been washed away by the blood of Christ (Acts 22:16; Rev 1:5) and that we are now new creations in Christ? (2 Cor 5:17). Or, has our walk with God become a rather dull, mechanical, unemotional, predictable routine? Are we still amazed at Jesus? Or, are we bored? And do we perhaps take Jesus and what he has done for us for granted much of the time?

Our Lord, "who knows the hearts of all" (Acts 1:24), and "who searches minds and hearts" (Rev 2:23), knows the answer to these questions.

And we must be honest in our evaluation of our Christian walk as we "examine ourselves to see whether we are in the faith" (2 Cor 13:5). Christ had to admonish the church in Ephesus to "repent and do the things you did at first" because they had left their first love –the Lord himself (Rev 2:4-6). May this never be said of us. We never want to lose sight of the fact that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is God's "indescribable gift" to us (2 Cor 9:15). The Son of God who loved us and gave himself for us (Gal 2:20) desires that we put him first (Mt 6:33; Lk 14:26-33) and love him "with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength" (Mk 12:30). May this be our habitual heartfelt practice as we continue to enthusiastically worship and energetically serve the One who died for us.

— Terry Schmidt ✍

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kittery Gospel Meeting

10/6 - 10/9

Kittery Ladies' Day — "Lost & Found"

Nov 2 — 9:00-1:30

SNACKS!

October 6: Boucher

October 13: Schmidt

Ladies Bread Ministry

October 13: Boucher

😊 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 sign our guest book before you depart.