

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wednesday Bible Study: Due to the Christmas holiday, there will be no Bible study on December 25th
- Men's Annual Budget Meeting: December 29th after services

## December Birthdays:

23rd Blake Williams

Numbers for 12/8/13

Attendance - 23

Contribution - \$544.64

## POINTS TO PONDER:

"Satan always tempts us to meet legitimate needs in illegitimate ways."

Ladies Bread Ministry

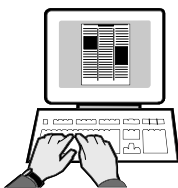
December 22: Betty

**SNACKS!**

December 15: Terry K

December 22: Betty

**BULLETIN ITEMS:** If you have a prayer request or an announcement for the bulletin, please contact Terry Schmidt at 284-9191 or e-mail at [tls654b@awi.net](mailto:tls654b@awi.net)



Just pray! Even praying awkwardly, it is better than not praying at all!

## Order of Worship

"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: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *George Nick*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*  
~ Colossians 1:24-29 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*Wayne Sampson & Terry Schmidt*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"Paul: Servant of the Church"

Song

Announcements: *Terry Schmidt*

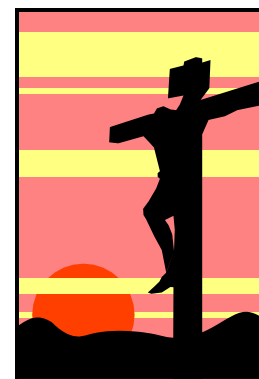
Closing Prayer: *Tony Grant*

Greeters: *George and/or Caren Nick*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Terry Kennedy*

## Southern Maine Church of Christ

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**December 15, 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

Website: [www.sm-cc.org](http://www.sm-cc.org)  
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## Prayer Requests:

- Anthony - having surgery on December 20th
- Cambrie - soon having her 3rd heart surgery
- Caren - planned trip to South Africa in June
- Carrie (Sandy's daughter)- has auto-immune disease; having chemo-therapy treatments
- Chucky -requests prayers for strength in dealing with the loss of his mother
- Frances Dudley - inoperable tumor on her lung; now in hospice care
- Paul & Sandy and family - making steady progress with his rehabilitation
- Sandy Gagnon - right foot doing better; but is still a concern
- Grabowski's - recently hired as managers of a 55 & older community in MA ☺
- Nancy Grant - experiencing shoulder pain
- Greg (Sandy's friend) - requests prayers for a family member diagnosed with mental illness
- Heather (friend of Vivian) - facing some rather challenging circumstances
- Richard Judkins - having serious health issues
- Karen - six months pregnant; hospitalized with a large blood clot
- Terry Kennedy - prayers for continued healing from knee replacement surgery
- Kim Murray & family (friend of Amber) - 2 year old son Tripp has a very aggressive form of cancer; undergoing aggressive chemo
- Nick Family – prayers for strength
- Nicholas & family (George's nephew) - twin son has a growth that needs to be removed
- Megan Perry (Ernie & Wealthie's granddaughter) - suffering with diabetes, neuropathy, and problems with addictions
- Philip (Terry & Betty's son) - experiencing difficulties & challenging circumstances
- Jan Sampson - prayers for her ankle to heal; also experiencing shoulder pain
- Teal & Mike - for a normal pregnancy; that the baby will be healthy in all respects
- Williams family - continued sickness



## Nouthetic Confrontation

While no English word fully conveys their full meaning, variations of the Greek words *nouthesis* (n.) and *noutheteo* (v.) are rendered in our English versions as “admonish” or “warn,” and sometimes as “teach” or “counsel.” These words come from the root word *nous* which means “mind.” To confront one *nouthetically*, then, means to influence the mind through verbal confrontation.

While *nouthetic* confrontation is not always accurately understood, and certainly not always popular, the New Testament assumes that *all* Christians (not just ministers of the Gospel) should engage in this important activity (Rom 15:14-15; Col 3:16; 1 Thess 3:14-15). In order to do this responsibly, it is important to understand its purpose & function, as well as the motives involved.

Nouthetic confrontation:

- (1) Always implies a problem and presupposes an obstacle that must be overcome—something is wrong in the life of the one being confronted.
- (2) Is always done to benefit the one confronted; never to punish or hurt (Eph 4:15; 1 Tim 1:5).
- (3) Always involves words which are intended to influence the *nous* for the purpose of effecting personality and behavioral change.
- (4) Is always conducted using the authority of Scripture (2 Tim 3:16-17).
- (5) Is always done in love & necessitates personal involvement of the deepest kind (2 Cor 11:29).

According to Paul, all Christians are to teach and confront one another in a *nouthetic* fashion. The biblical requirements for competency in *nouthetic* confrontation include being filled with goodness, being complete in knowledge, and skillfully applying this knowledge with all wisdom (Col 3:16).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

Much of the information in this article comes from the book *Competent to Counsel* by Jay E. Adams, 1978

## ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING



The men will be meeting on December 29th for the annual budget meeting. Anyone having input is asked to contact one of the men with your proposal or concerns.

**"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; 10:22; Heb 5:9;  
Rev 2:10

## Our Current Bible Classes:

Sunday AM—Book of James

Sunday PM — Worship

Wednesday — People Jesus Taught



*"They received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the Scriptures daily...."* - Acts 17:11

☺ 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 and sign our guest book before you depart. Have a great week!