

## 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: TODAY after services
- Men's Business Meeting: October 27th

## October Birthdays:

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

## POINTS TO PONDER:

Before God can work through us,  
He must first work in us.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Kittery Ladies' Day — "Lost & Found"  
Nov 2 — 9:00-1:30

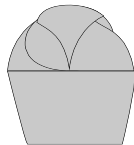
# SNACKS!

October 13: Schmidt

October 20: Williams

Ladies Bread  
Ministry

October 20: Boucher



*"Time spent alone with God in prayer is never wasted. It changes us; and every Christian who would live the life that counts, and who would have power for Christ's service must take time to pray."*

## 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:

*Wayne Sampson*

Song

Scripture Reading:

*Wayne Sampson*

Song

The Lord's Supper:

*Tony Grant & Wayne Sampson*

Contribution

Song

Sermon:

*Terry Schmidt*

*"Spiritual Warfare"*

Song

Announcements:

*Terry Schmidt*

Closing Prayer:

*George Nick*

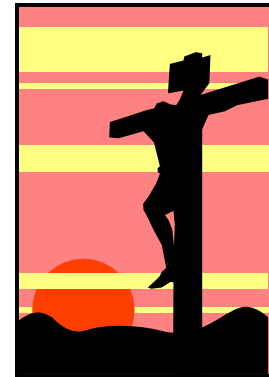
Greeters: *Tony and/or Nancy Grant*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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**October 13, 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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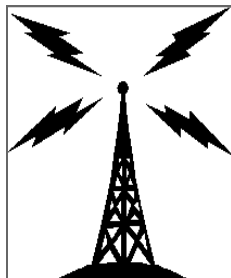
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## Prayer Requests:

- Paul & Sandy and family as they brave the aftermath of Paul's recent stroke; he should begin rehab soon
- Carrie (Sandy's daughter)- diagnosed with an auto-immune disease and other serious health issues; please pray for her
- Jody (Caren's nephew) - out of coma
- Nick Family – prayers for strength
- Ariana (George & Caren's granddaughter) - continued prayers for her serious health issues; her attitude is great ☺
- 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 that has spread to his frontal lobe and possibly his spinal cord; too young for radiation, they are doing aggressive chemotherapy and stem cell transplant; prognosis is not good; this family needs our prayers.
- 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

**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 [fls654b@gwi.net](mailto:fls654b@gwi.net) Thank you! ☺



This is only  
a test...

Most of you have no doubt had the experience of listening to your AM/FM radio and suddenly hearing:

"The following is a test of the Emergency Broadcast System. This is only a test." Wouldn't it be nice if we had that kind of audible warning in our daily lives alerting us to the fact that a test is coming our way? Testing is inevitable, but we usually receive no warning.

We are all aware of how God tested Abraham when he commanded him to offer his son Isaac as a burnt offering (Gen 22:1-19). Of course, the tests we face will most likely not be that extreme. Solomon confirms the fact that we will be tested: "The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests the hearts" (Proverbs 17:3). But, how are we tested?

We are tested in various areas and in different ways. How we react to difficult circumstances, how we respond to difficult people, and whether we will do God's will or follow our own are popular themes. We can rejoice when we do well with the test because this reveals spiritual growth and maturity. But we need not despair when we don't do well because God uses these times to show us areas where we need to improve and grow.

There was once a college class where young, inexperienced students were planning to ask the teacher to not give them any more troublesome pop quizzes. A more experienced student reminded them that it would be much easier for the teacher not to give these quizzes. But he gave them for the benefit of the students, to prepare them for the final exam. It's the same way with God's testing. He tests our hearts for our good so that our lives may be in better harmony with His will and He can bless us.

The purpose of the refining pot is to purify the silver. The purpose for the furnace is to purify the gold. Both these processes require intense heat to rid the precious ore of the dross which renders it impure. While not always pleasant, God uses the often difficult crucible of life to purify our hearts, strengthen our faith, and perfect our walk. We can trust that He is the Master Refiner and knows just how much heat needs to be applied.

— Terry Schmidt ✍

**"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"**

**- Acts 16:30 -**

**Hear the Gospel** - John 6:44-45; Rom 10:14,17

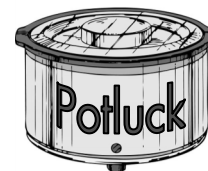
**Believe** [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31  
Heb 11:6

**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



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

☺ **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.

