

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

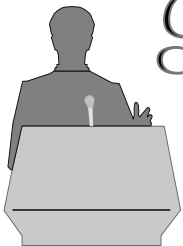
- Next Ladies Bible Class will be Saturday, Oct 5 at 1:00 am at Terry Kennedy's. We will be studying Lot's wife.
- Men's Business Meeting: **TODAY**
- Potluck: Next Sunday after services

## Birthdays:

9/28 – Bethany Boucher  
9/30 – Red Fraser

## POINTS TO PONDER:

*Earth has no sorrow that  
heaven cannot heal.*



## Gospel Meeting

Sept 29 — Oct 2  
with Brent Newton

*Invite your family,  
friends and neighbors!*

## SNACKS!

September 22: Terrill

September 29: Gagnon

## Ladies Bread Ministry

September 29: Kennedy

**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@gwi.net](mailto:tls654b@gwi.net) Thank you! ☺

## Order of Worship

*“Let us draw near with a true heart in  
full assurance of faith.”*

- Hebrews 10:22 -

Song Leader:

*Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer:

*Tony Grant*

Song

Scripture Reading:

*George Nick*

Song

The Lord's Supper:

*Wayne Sampson & \_\_\_\_\_*

Contribution

Song

Sermon:

*Terry Schmidt*

*“Pressure”*

Song

Announcements:

*Terry Schmidt*

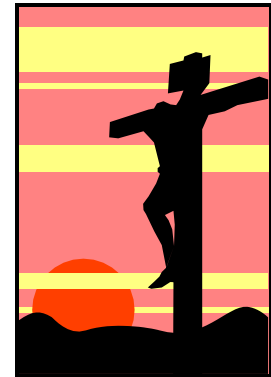
Closing Prayer:

*Henry Terrill*

## Southern Maine Church of Christ

1228 Portland Road (Rt. 1)

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**September 22, 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 & family (Caren's nephew) - out of coma but they all need prayers
- Nick Family – prayers for strength
- Holly (Sandy's daughter) - health issues
- Becky McGarey: (Terry & Betty's daughter) - migraines & other health concerns; recently diagnosed with scoliosis
- Ariana (George & Caren's granddaughter) - continued prayers for her serious health issues
- Nancy (Shirley's step-mother) - recently suffered a stroke and was admitted to Southridge; pray for husband Bob too
- Prayers for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Prayers for WBS students
- Continued prayers for church growth
- Pray that our upcoming meeting with Brent Newton will go well
- Prayers for those not with us today due to travel or illness

## Thanksgiving

- Red Fraser's heart catheterization revealed no need for stents or surgery
- Paul Gagnon's stable condition

## UPCOMING EVENTS

SMCC Gospel Meeting w/ Brent Newton  
Sept 29 - Oct 2  
Kittery Area wide Singing  
Oct 5  
Kittery Gospel Meeting  
10/6 - 10/9  
Kittery Ladies' Day — "Lost & Found"  
Nov 2 — 9:00-1:30



## Pressure

Although "our citizenship is in heaven" (Philippians 3:20), and we are blessed with "every spiritual blessing in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3), Chris-

tians are not immune to the problems, stresses and pressures of life. Even the inspired Apostle Paul had to deal with these. In 2 Corinthians 11, after listing a number of trials and tribulations he had endured, Paul adds: "Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches" (v. 28).

The dictionary defines pressure as: (1) "the burden of physical or mental distress; (2) the constraint of circumstance; the weight of social or economic imposition; (3) the stress or urgency of matters demanding attention." No doubt, we can definitely relate to these distressing and daunting definitions.

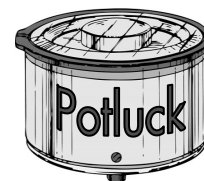
Of course, some pressure in life is useful. The same continuous pressure that will grind a stone into sand will turn carbon into one of the strongest and most durable substances known to man—a diamond! Perhaps Paul had this in mind when he said in 2 Corinthians 4:8, "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed."

The Greek word translated "hard pressed" means "suffering due to the pressure of circumstances." How was it that Paul could endure such tremendous pressure without being crushed? He gives the answer in Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me!"

Christ "in us" gives us the strength to oppose the outside forces of the world that would threaten to crush us. And our "pressure suit" is the armor of God outlined in Ephesians 6:10-18. Pressured? Yes. Crushed? Never! "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us!" (Romans 8:37). Amen!

— Terry Schmidt ✍

Attendance for 9/8/13 — 30  
Contribution for 9/8/13 — \$477  
Attendance for 9/15/13 — 17  
Contribution for 9/15/13 — \$335.



Sunday, Sep 29th after services. Please make plans to stay for this special time of food, fun and fellowship!

*"Prayer is the acid test of devotion."*



**"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

😊 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. 📖