



Ladies' Corner

The Kennebunk Nursing Home will be having a residence party on Tuesday, December 23 from 2 to 3. If you are willing to help out by making or buying a batch of cookies, it will be greatly appreciated. Please bring them to services on the 21st of December.

Our next regular visit to the nursing home will be Wednesday, January 18th. We meet there at 9:30 am. The residents are very encouraged by our visits.

Christmas Stockings: A special thanks to all who helped put these gifts together and deliver them this year. Your efforts have made a difference in the lives of these families and are greatly appreciated!

Women's Brunch: The Seabrook church of Christ invited us to a Winter Women's Brunch on Saturday, January 17 from 11 am to 2 pm. The theme is 'Home is where God's heart is.' An RSVP is required: I will ask for a show of hands on January 4th. — *Betty*

Birthdays:

23rd – Blake Williams

SNACKS!

December 21: Jan
December 28: Betty

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Power for Today:** These daily devotional booklets for Jan-Mar 2015 are now available. Please take one copy per family. Thank you.
- **Wednesday Bible Class:** Due to the next two Wednesdays being Christmas and New Year's Eve, we will not be having Bible class on those nights. Class will resume on January 7th.

Ladies Bread Ministry

December 28: Susana

Order of Worship

December 21, 2014

"For it is written, 'Worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve'."

- Matthew 4:10 -

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*

~ Luke 2:1-20 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:

George Nick & Tony Grant

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"The 'Foolishness' of Christ's Birth"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

Tony Grant

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Greeter: *Shirley Boucher*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Susana Kazel*

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December 21, 2014

## Sunday Assembly Times:

9:30 am — Bible Class  
10:30 am — Worship  
6:00 — Bible Study

## Wednesday Assembly:

7:00 — Bible Study

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

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## Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another" — James 5:16

- Amanda Bates (nurse at River Ridge) - has been diagnosed with leukemia; she began chemotherapy last Friday
- Blake - dealing with Lyme Disease
- Bob Cook - overall health concerns
- Elaine (Susana's sister) - hospitalized with internal bleeding; after being given 2 units of blood, her vital signs are now stable
- Paul & Sandy - Sandy—confined to sitting due to painful swelling in her legs & feet; Paul—on antibiotics with major infections
- Jean Gortot - diagnosed with inoperable & untreatable cancer; also fractured her pelvis
- Grabowski's - recently moved to Kittery; request prayers as they make this transition
- Nate Hios - ongoing allergies and sickness
- Rebecca Hios - prayers of thanks are in order; has been offered a new job in Rochester!
- Terry Kennedy - recovering from knee replacement surgery; presently undergoing PT
- Kim Murray & Family (Amber's friend) - sons brain tumors cannot be surgically removed; undergoing radiation; chemo will follow
- Ernie & Wealthie Perry - ongoing health issues & concerns
- Priscilla (Kathy's friend) - stage four stomach cancer; please pray for her family as well
- Rebecca, Caren & Karlee - as teachers, their school situations are very challenging
- Jan Sampson - experiencing chronic & severe hip pain which is often debilitating
- Betty Starling (friend of TK from San Marcos, TX) - recovering from a recent stroke
- Karlee Wells - physical issues; dealing with chronic pain
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today

**Note:** Items not regularly updated will be removed at the end of each month. Thank you.



# Merry Christmas!

Throughout the history of our great nation, a fundamental message of the Christmas holiday has been "giving to others." Traditionally, this idea was based on the wise men giving their gifts to baby Jesus and, of course, our loving God giving mankind the gift of his Son to pay for man's redemption (Matthew 1:21; 2 Corinthians 9:15).

It has been said that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. While we certainly cannot flatter the Almighty, we can and should honor him. Since He is the Blessed Giver (Matthew 5:42-48; James 1:17), who "gives generously to all" (James 1:5), one of the best ways we can honor God is to imitate Him. As the Scripture says: "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:1-2).

During this Christmas season, let's remember the words of our Savior Jesus who said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). When you and I give with a good attitude and a generous spirit (2 Corinthians 9:7), "God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause" (2 Corinthians 9:8 TEV).

May the blessings of this joyous season be yours in abundance—now, and throughout the coming year! — **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

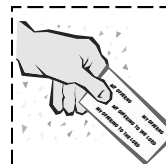
**Be baptized** - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16;  
1 Pet 3:21

**Be faithful** unto death - Mt 7:21; 10:22; Heb 5:9;  
Rev 2:10

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*"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." — Acts 4:12*

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Numbers for 12/14/14

Attendance - 25  
Contribution - \$648.



## POINTS TO PONDER:

Our confidence lies, not  
in what we have, but in  
Who we have with us.  
(See Proverbs 3:26; 1 John 4:4)

## 😊 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!

