

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ***Next Men's Business Meeting:***  
Sunday, March 30 after services

## March Birthdays:

23rd – Sophia Colvin  
30th – Amber Williams

## *Happy Anniversary:*

Henry & Karolyn Terrill — March 31st

## Ladies Bread Ministry

March 23: Rebecca

## SNACKS!

March 23: Terry K

March 30: Jan

## ~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

### Conway Ladies Weekend

April 4-6

### New England Lectureship

"Back to Bible Basics"

May 2-4 — Taunton, MA

### NE Men's Retreat in Kent, CT

"Dynamic Servants of Christ's Church"

June 13 & 14

Please see bulletin board for more details

## Numbers for 3/16/14

Attendance - 21

Contribution - \$470.

## Order of Worship

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." — Acts 2:42

Song Leader: *Nate*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Tony*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George*  
- Proverbs 9 -

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*Wayne & Terry*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"Invitations to Two Banquets"

Song

Announcements: *Terry*

Closing Prayer: *George*

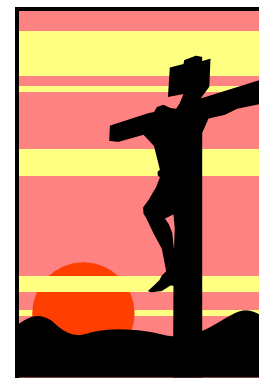
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Greeter: *Terry and/or Betty*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty*

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**March 23, 2014**

### 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:

- Becky (Terry & Betty's daughter) - having surgery for endometriosis on 4/15; migraines
- John Bonner & the Sabattus church
- Colleen (Amber's mom) - disc fusion surgery on her neck went well; healing at home now
- Caren - prayers to receive passport soon and visa for planned trip to South Africa in June
- Caroline (Caren's sister) - planning a trip here in May; prayers requested for her safety
- Ariana - now requires weekly shots; health
- Jody - needs new arrangements for his care
- Carrie - has auto-immune disease; chemo
- Bob - recent stay at SMHC for dehydration; has a positive attitude; COPD; shoulder pain
- Paul & Sandy - Paul at River Ridge doing well. Sandy had a recent stay at SMHC for severe hip pain; possible infection; hoping for hip-joint replacement surgery soon; home now
- Tony - torn muscles in right shoulder require surgery on 3/31 with 3-6 months rehab
- Nancy - still having pain in left shoulder
- Nate - suffering with asthma
- Josh - in recovery for heroin addiction
- Larry - mental confusion; pray for Jeanette
- Richard - Parkinson's/Alzheimer's
- Ernie - health issues; COPD; problems with high blood pressure; having ongoing tests
- Wealthie - suffering w/ frozen left shoulder; taking physical therapy, but has much pain
- Megan - healing from internal GI bleeding
- Jan - ankle & shoulder pain
- Teal & Mike - for a normal pregnancy; that the baby will be healthy in all respects
- Philip - exp. difficulties & challenges
- Blake & Amber and family - Blake: persistent & worsening shoulder pain; Amber: suffering with migraines; Christine: better; Anthony: MRI revealed small cyst; surgery on hold for now; fluid & infection in ears; has sustained possible permanent hearing loss
- Prayers for those not with us today

## Forks in the Road

Yogi Berra is credited with saying: "If you come to a fork in the road, take it." Oh, if it were only that simple! When faced with the decisions of life, choosing the right or best solution is not always easy. As we travel down the highway of life, we are bombarded by billboards with appealing ads and attractive enticements, each vying for our attention, patronage and loyalty. Not all these are bad. Some can be beneficial. But many promise *much* and deliver *little*, leaving us empty and no better off than we were before.

Deciding which way to go at the fork is often difficult. One way may seem good, appealing and pleasant, but have at its end a destination that is highly undesirable. "There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25). The other way may appear rough, difficult and challenging, but offers a beneficial journey and a rewarding end. "The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day" (Proverbs 4:18).

Knowing the final destination is a critical piece of information that will help us in making our decision as to which way to go at a fork in the road. Jesus admonishes: "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matthew 7:14-14).

While many on the broad road may seem to be living a carefree life of pleasure and prosperity, unless they repent and turn to God, their final destiny is serious and sobering. And although we who have chosen to travel the narrow and difficult way may have constant struggles and countless problems, the reward we shall receive at the end will make it all worthwhile! (Matthew 25:34; Romans 8:18).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

## God's Creative Genius

**The Archer fish** overcomes a problem in sea to air ballistics by squirting water at his prey, which are bugs and flies. His mouth has a built in groove that channels the water like a squirt gun. But, as impressive as this is, the biggest problem is his aim. He has to overcome the refractive difference from water to air in order to accurately hit his prey. If you ever looked at a spoon in a glass of water, you would understand the problem. The refractive quality of water distorts the image of the spoon and makes it appear to be broken in half. But, the Archer fish performs this amazing task with great efficiency and accuracy. Again we must marvel at God's design!



### POINTS TO PONDER:

Wisdom is the ability to view life as God perceives it.

"If the Christian does not allow prayer to drive sin out of his life, sin will drive prayer out of his life. Like light and darkness, the two cannot dwell together." - M.E. Andross



### ☺ 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!

