

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Men's Business Meeting: Next Sunday, January 26th, after services

## POINTS TO PONDER:

No failure is too great an obstacle  
for God's restoring power!

Ladies Bread Ministry

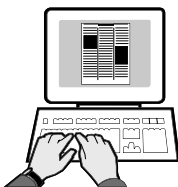
January 26: Nancy C-J

**SNACKS!**

January 19: Nancy C-J

January 26: Sandy

**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@ghi.net](mailto:tls654b@ghi.net)



"The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge."

- Proverbs 15:14 -



Numbers for 1/12/14

Attendance - 21

Contribution - \$563



*Prayer Changes  
Things . . . You!*

## Order of Worship

"I will praise Thee, O LORD, with  
my whole heart."

- Psalm 9:1 -

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Tony Grant*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*

Song

The Lord's Supper:

*Tony Grant & Wayne Sampson*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Nate Hios*

Song

Announcements: *Nate Hios*

Closing Prayer: *George Nick*

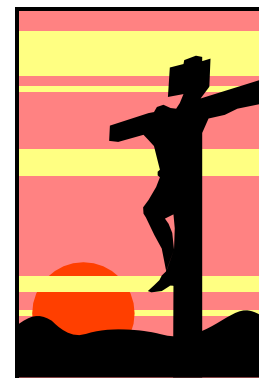
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Greeter: *Wayne Sampson*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Sandy Gagnon*

## Southern Maine Church of Christ

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**January 19, 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:

- Anthony - healing well from cyst removal
- Becky (Terry & Betty's daughter) - suffering with debilitating migraines
- John Bonner & the Sabattus church - now worshipping in John's home due to rent costs
- Larry Bosworth - rehabilitating from "brain bleed" & other injuries sustained in a fall
- Caren - planned trip to South Africa in June
- Carrie - has auto-immune disease; chemo
- Bob Cook - respiratory related problems
- Frances Dudley - inoperable lung tumor
- Paul & Sandy and family - making steady progress with Paul's rehabilitation
- Sandy Gagnon - both feet now have painful abscesses; must limit time spent on her feet
- Greg (Sandy's friend) - requests prayers for a family member diagnosed with mental illness
- Richard Judkins - having serious health issues prayers for strength for Kathleen as well
- Terry Kennedy - prayers for continued healing from knee replacement surgery
- Bill Mancini (Paul's room mate) - prayers for patience during difficult rehabilitation
- Kim Murray & family (friend of Amber) - 2 year old Tripp's tumor is gone!
- Nick Family - prayers for strength
- Ariana - struggling with complications from her surgery; needs shots on a daily basis
- Nicholas & family (George's nephew) - twin son's cancerous growth has decreased 50%
- Ernie Perry - respiratory related problems
- Megan Perry - suffering with diabetes, neuropathy, & problems with addictions
- Philip (Terry & Betty's son) - experiencing difficulties & challenging circumstances
- Kathy Rader - struggling with severe anxiety
- 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
- Prayers for those not with us today



## Speck Inspectors

The story is told of a visiting Army General who, while inspecting a military base, noticed an unbuttoned flap on the shirt of a lowly Private. Unwilling to let such an offense pass, and in order to impress upon others the need for strict adherence to policy, the General called the Private to attention before many onlookers. Standing right in front of him, and with all the authority he could muster, the General bellowed: "Private! Button the flap on the shirt pocket NOW!" The Private replied with great embarrassment, "Right now Sir, in front of everybody?" "Right HERE...right NOW, soldier!" blasted the imposing General. At that moment the Private, with hands visibly shaking, reached out and carefully fastened the unbuttoned flap on the General's shirt!

How easy it often is for us to see the flaws in others but not in ourselves! Jesus noted this tendency in Matthew 7:3-5 - "Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider not the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck out of your eye'; and, look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye; and then you will see clearly to remove the speck out of your brother's eye."

We get a distinct mental picture with the hyperbole (*a gross exaggeration for rhetorical effect*) Jesus uses here. Here's a person with flawed vision who can hardly see (impaired by the large plank in his eye), attempting to remove a tiny speck from his brother's eye. This is hypocritical because he is behaving as though he can see perfectly! "The judgment Jesus is particularly condemning here is our efforts to make all conform to our standards of perfection" [F.F. Bruce in *The International Bible Commentary*].

This judgmental attitude can lead to a critical, fault-finding spirit which is contrary to the Christian spirit. "Do not speak evil of one another, brethren" (Jas 4:11). "Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned" (Jas 5:9). To "grumble against" literally means "to groan" and has been translated as complain, slander and criticize. While we may fail in this area once in a while, this is not something we want to be guilty of consistently doing. "Therefore, let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way (Rom 14:13).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

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### "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

*"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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## 😊 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!

