

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Pot Luck Fellowship: January 12th

## POINTS TO PONDER:

As Christians, we are in reality the custodians of our contentment.  
(see Philippians 4:11-13)

Ladies Bread Ministry

January 12: Jan

**SNACKS!**

January 5: Sandy

January 12: Shirley

**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)



## GREAT NEWS!

- Little 2 year old Tripp Murray recently had an MRI that revealed his tumor is gone! This is only the second time doctors have seen this with such an aggressive form of cancer. He will continue his last 2 rounds of chemotherapy and will then go to Boston for a stem cell transplant. God is surely answering prayers on his behalf! Thank you for your diligence in praying for this family who have been blessed with this encouraging news. The burden is being lifted. Praise God and to Him be all the glory! ☺



In the busiest and noisiest part of your day, become quiet before God and you will be blessed.

## 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*  
~ *Colossians 1:24-29* ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*Tony Grant & Wayne Sampson*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"*Paul: Servant of the Church*"

Song

Announcements: *Terry Schmidt*

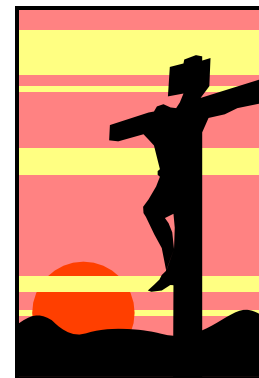
Closing Prayer: *George Nick*

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Greeter: *Wayne Sampson*  
Lord's Supper Prep: *Sandy Gagnon*

## Southern Maine Church of Christ

1228 Portland Road (Rt. 1)  
Arundel, ME 04043



**January 5, 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
- 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
- Grabowski's - now in MA at new job
- Tony Grant - recovering from bronchitis & flu
- Nancy Grant - back safely from NC
- Greg (Sandy's friend) - requests prayers for a family member diagnosed with mental illness
- Heather (friend of Vivian) - doing better
- Richard Judkins - having serious health issues prayers for strength for Kathleen as well
- Terry Kennedy - prayers for continued healing from knee replacement surgery
- Kim Murray & family (friend of Amber) - MRI has revealed 2 year old Tripp's tumor is gone! Will still undergo stem cell transplant
- Prayers for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- 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 has a growth that needs to be removed
- 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

## A Faithful Servant

When we pass from this life, one thing most of us would not mind having engraved on our tombstone would be the phrase: "Faithful Servant of God." This would be a very fitting, and even flattering epitaph. For the faithful child of God, it adequately sums up and honors a life of dedicated Christian service. But what is involved in becoming and remaining a faithful servant of God?

First, we must *agree with God*, that His will and His ways are right and best for us—through complete surrender. God is good, and He always seeks our good. And everything He asks us to do (or not do) in His word is for our good and is calculated to be in our best interest. We therefore resolve to surrender our will to His in every area of our lives.

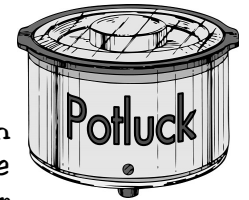
Second, we must *cooperate with God*, by giving Him complete and unrestricted access to our hearts and lives—through continuous submission. Willful, deliberate sin will frustrate the Lord's efforts to transform us into the image of Christ. We must accept the fact that we cannot manage or compartmentalize sin. Eventually it will dictate, inevitably it will dominate, and ultimately it will debilitate! God must have full access to every area of our lives.

And third, we must *depend on God*, looking only to Him to have our needs met—through an absolute and unwavering trust. This includes the deep God-given needs of acceptance, approval, appreciation, self-esteem and the like. Manipulating others or orchestrating circumstances in an effort to meet these needs is not acceptable and will hinder our progress. Rather, we must totally and unreservedly trust in Almighty God to meet our every need, in every situation.

Through complete surrender, continuous submission, and total dependence on God, we will be prepared for faithful service in His kingdom—even if it should demand sacrifice and require suffering.

— Terry Schmidt ✍

## Pot Luck Fellowship



Sunday, January 12th  
after services. Please  
make plans to stay for  
this special time of food, fun & fellowship!

**"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

## Our Current Bible Classes:

Sunday AM—*Book of James*

Sunday PM — *Worship*

Wednesday — *People Jesus Taught*

*"They received the word with all readiness of mind  
and searched the Scriptures daily...."* - Acts 17:11

## ☺ 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!

