

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Pot Luck Fellowship: Feb 9

February Birthdays:

9th – Ryan Mackey
13th – Chuck Shaffer
18th – Teal Baldasaro

POINTS TO PONDER:

God sometimes allows what He hates,
to accomplish that which He loves.

Ladies Bread Ministry

February 9: Shirley

SNACKS!

February 2: Terry K

February 9: Jan

Pot Luck Fellowship



Next Sunday, February
9th after services. Please
make plans to stay for
this special time of food,
fun & fellowship! ☺

Numbers for 1/26/14

Attendance - 17
Contribution - \$460.



*When I was burdened with
worries, you comforted me
and made me feel secure.*

- Psalm 94:19 CEV -

Order of Worship

*“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in
all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one
another in psalms and hymns and spiritual
songs, singing with grace in your hearts to
the Lord.” — Colossians 3:16*

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*
Genesis 3:16-19

Song

The Lord's Supper:
George Nick & Wayne Sampson

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
“Why is Life so Hard & Not Fair?”

Song

Announcements: *Terry Schmidt*

Closing Prayer: *Tony Grant*

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Greeter: *Blake and/or Amber Williams*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

## Southern Maine Church of Christ

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**February 2, 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) - migraines
- John Bonner & the Sabattus church
- 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
- Mrs. Cleary (Wayne & Jan's neighbor) - undetermined ongoing sickness & health concerns
- Bob Cook - recovering from broken left shoulder sustained after a fall last week
- Paul & Sandy and family - making steady progress with Paul's rehabilitation
- Sandy Gagnon - adjusting to new orthotics for both her feet
- Josh - 22 year old fighting a heroin addiction
- Kathleen Judkins - scheduled to have para-esophageal hiatal hernia surgery on Feb 6th
- Richard Judkins - Parkinson's disease
- 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 is in the hospital fighting a life threatening staff infection
- Joanne Neithercut (friend of Terry K) - recovering from recent hip replacement surgery
- Nick Family - sickness; 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
- Kathy Rader - doing better with her anxiety
- Jan Sampson - ankle & shoulder pain
- Teal & Mike - for a normal pregnancy; that the baby will be healthy in all respects
- Williams family - sickness; colds; Anthony is recovering well from recent procedure; having 2nd cyst removal surgery in March
- Karlee Wells - recovering from pneumonia

## Chutes & Ladders

Most likely, many of you are familiar with the children's game *Chutes & Ladders*. Starting at "square one" at the bottom of the board, players would work through over 90 spaces to reach the last square at the top of the board to win the game. However, at various points, one could land on a ladder (moving his piece upward & forward many spaces), or one could encounter a chute (sliding his piece downward & backward many spaces). So, throughout the game, nothing is certain! And with a simple roll of the dice or spin of the needle, one can quickly find himself either winning or losing. Those lagging behind could land on a ladder which could catapult them to the lead. And those who were in the lead did not have the luxury of bragging because they could be sent backward by landing on a chute at any given time.

This enjoyable child's game seems to mirror the troublesome ups and downs of life which are often inevitable and unpredictable. And much of the time, these vicissitudes of life do not seem fair, nor do they make any sense. We see good things happening to bad people, and bad things happening to good people. There seems to be no real rhyme or reason to this puzzling phenomenon. When times are good, there is the human propensity to forget God. And when times are bad, there is the carnal temptation to blame God. What are some helpful, biblical ways you and I can respond during these difficult times when we find ourselves tossed about by tempestuous waves on the capricious sea of life?

First, we can realize that, no matter how bad things seem God is still in control. He is sovereign (Eph 1:11; Col 1:15-17; 1 Tim 6:15-16). Second, we can remind ourselves that our Lord is constant and changeless. He "does not change like shifting shadows" (Jas 1:17), but "is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Heb 13:8).

Third, we can take courage in the fact that God is faithful (1 Cor 1:9; 10:13; 2 Thess 3:3). He is dependable and trustworthy for He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Heb 13:5). Finally, we can rejoice in the knowledge that our Lord Jesus Christ is victorious! (1 Cor 15:50-57). He acknowledges that in this world we will have problems, persecutions, trials and tribulations. Then he lovingly adds: "But be of good cheer, I have overcome the world!" (John 16:33).

— 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

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

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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!

