

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

March Birthdays:

23rd – Sophia Colvin
30th – Amber Williams

Happy Anniversary:

Henry & Carolyn Terrill — March 31st

Ladies Bread Ministry

March 23: Rebecca

SNACKS!

March 16: Sandy

March 23: Terry K

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Biddeford Ladies Day

Saturday, Mar 22 — 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Conway Ladies Weekend

April 4-6

New England Lectureship

"Back to Bible Basics"

May 2-4 — Taunton, MA

Please see bulletin board for more details

Numbers for 3/9/14

Attendance - 17

Contribution - \$373.

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 Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Tony Grant*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*

Song

The Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson & Terry Schmidt

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Nate Hios*

Song

Announcements: *Terry Schmidt*

Closing Prayer: *George Nick*

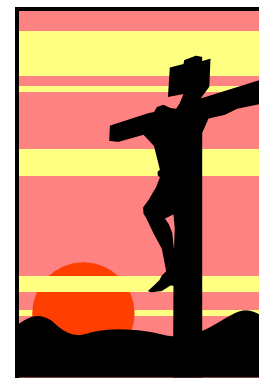
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Greeter: *Terry and/or Betty Schmidt*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

# Southern Maine Church of Christ

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**March 16, 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; salvation for family, friends & loved ones
- 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 - at home and doing much better now; receiving in-home care; COPD; shoulder pain
- Paul & Sandy - Paul visited his home for 1 hour last week; doing well & setting goals. Sandy meeting with doctors this week to discuss hip treatment & possible surgery.
- Tony - torn muscles in right shoulder require surgery & 3-6 months rehab
- Nancy - still having pain in left shoulder
- Nate - suffering with asthma
- Josh - in recovery for heroin addiction-2 mos.
- Larry - mental confusion; pray for Jeanette
- Richard - Parkinson's/Alzheimer's
- Ernie - having nuclear bone scan Tues; COPD; problems with high blood pressure
- Wealthie - suffering w/ frozen left shoulder; taking physical therapy and doing better
- Jan - ankle & shoulder pain
- Megan - at SMHC for internal GI bleeding
- 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 now; Anthony: MRI revealed small cyst, will have non-invasive outpatient surgery on 4/2
- Prayers for those not with us today



## What if God Was One of Us?

A popular song from almost 20 years ago asked the question: "What if God was one of us?" The song seemed to suggest that God is either so high and holy that He is totally disinterested in mankind, or so detached from us that he is unable (or unwilling) to involve Himself with His creation. The fact of the matter is, God was one of us!

The Scriptures teach that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). Matthew states in His gospel, "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means, 'God with us' " (Matthew 1:23).

Paul affirms that Jesus "who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped (held onto), but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:6-8).

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews testifies: "Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels He helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason He had to be made like His brothers in every way, in order that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that He might atone for the sins of the people" (Hebrews 2:14-17).

We can be joyfully confident that the Scriptures teach positively that God was one of us! And because He was—because the holy Son of God came to this earth (John 1:10), lived life as a man (Luke 24:39), suffered unjustly (1 Peter 4:1), was put to death on a cruel Roman cross to pay the price for our sins (2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1 Peter 2:19-25), was buried (John 19:41-42), and was raised again by the power of God (Mark 16:6; Ephesians 1:19-20)—we now have a merciful High Priest who is "able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them" (Hebrews 7:25.) This is the gospel! And this is good news! (1 Corinthians 15:1-4.)

— Terry Schmidt ✍



## POINTS TO PONDER:

Some Bible students drink deep at the fountain of knowledge—others simply sip or gargle.

*The goal of prayer is the ear of God, pouring out our hearts to Him and permitting Him to speak to us. As we come to know Him better through prayer, we shall spend more time in His presence, and find His presence a constant and ever-increasing delight.*—E.M. Bounds



## 😊 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!

