

Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another" — James 5:16

- 3-year old Aubree - diagnosed with Leukemia
- Bob Cook - overall health concerns
- Diane Cote - dealing with chronic pain due to suffering with diabetes; fibromyalgia; tendonitis and neuropathy
- Gagnons - Paul—going to River Ridge for OT, PT, & Speech, Social & Nuero-Psychology therapies 2 or 3 days per week. Sandy—recovering from a bad bout with cellulitis
- Evangeline (George's 96 year old mother) - has Alzheimer's; struggling with depression
- Richard & Kathy Judkins - struggling with serious health issues
- George & Caren Nick - family struggles; pray especially for Angel & Vivian and families, & that Caren's trip to South Africa is realized
- Ernie & Wealthie Perry - health concerns
- Priscilla (Kathy's friend) - stomach cancer
- Jan Sampson - chronic & severe hip pain
- Wayne Sampson - scheduled for right knee replacement surgery on June 9th
- Sandra Schmidt (Terry & Betty's daughter in law) - in USAF deployed to the Middle East
- Lou Smith (Karolyn's 64 yr old cousin) - has stomach cancer and is now in Hospice Care; please keep husband Jerry & family in prayer
- Karlee Wells - dealing with chronic pain; requests prayers for physical concerns and work issues; struggling in many areas
- Blake Williams - still feeling some lingering neurological effects of the Lyme Disease
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today

"Pray without ceasing" — 1 Thess 5:17

Note: Items not regularly updated will be removed at the end of each month. Thank you.

Hell



Recent polls indicate that our liberated, enlightened, hi-tech society is increasingly dismissing the notion that a literal hell exists. And, if they do believe in hell, many don't think it is a place of eternal punishment. Also, as you may have guessed, the majority of those who believe there is a hell don't believe they are going there.

It doesn't take a degreed theologian or Greek Bible scholar to discern that Jesus regarded hell as a reality. He also taught that it was a place of eternal (everlasting) punishment (Matt 18:8-9; 25:41, 46 et al). According to Jesus, hell is real (Matt 10:28). As The Zondervan Bible Encyclopedia notes, "The reality of hell is established through Christ's references to it. While many of the terms used to describe hell are symbolic and descriptive, they connote real entities, about which existence there can be no doubt. Hell is both a *condition* of retribution, and a *place* in which the retribution occurs."

When God made man, He placed within him an eternal soul that will live on forever (Gen 2:7; Ecc 12:7). The question is: where? Jesus reveals only two choices in Matthew 7:13-14 – the narrow, difficult way that leads to eternal life, and the easy, broad way that leads to eternal destruction. This word *destruction* does not mean extinction, but ruin. It means loss, not of being, but of well-being. It is clear from its use that it is being used metaphorically of spiritual destitution (Vines).

Through His dying for our sins, Jesus who now holds "the keys of hell and of death" (Rev 1:18), paved the way for all who will choose to navigate the narrow road to eternal life in heaven. But, once this life ends, the opportunity to choose ends with it. Then, death and hell shall deliver up the dead in them: and they will be judged every man according to their works (Rev 20:13).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

"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



POINTS TO PONDER:

Jesus gave his blood for us, what shall we give to him? Those who are poor in pocket, if rich in faith, will be accepted none the less because their gifts are small; but, poor reader, do you give in fair proportion to the Lord, or is the widow's mite kept back from the sacred treasury? The rich believer should be thankful for the talent entrusted to him, but should not forget his large responsibility, for where much is given much will be required; but, rich reader, are you mindful of your obligations, and rendering to the Lord according to the benefit received?

— Charles Spurgeon

😊 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!





Ladies' Corner

Ladies Inspiration Day: Dover Church of Christ, Saturday, June 13th from 9:30—2:00. Theme: "Key to Love"

Nursing Home: Our next visit to the nursing home will be Wednesday, June 17th. We meet there at 9:30 am. The residents are very encouraged by our visits.



June Birthdays:

7th – Rod Boucher
11th – Jan Sampson
20th – Caren Nick
21st – Nathaniel Hios



Happy Anniversary:

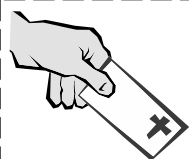
Scott & Alison Colvin — 6/3
Paul & Sandy Gagnon — 6/5
Erik & Janice Grabowski — 6/14



"Faith is to the soul what life is to the body. Prayer is to faith what breath is to the body. How a person can live and not breathe is past my comprehension, and how a person can believe and not pray is past my comprehension too." — J. C. Ryle

SNACKS!

May 24: Shirley
May 31: Nancy



Numbers for 5/17/15

Attendance - 30
Contribution - \$601

Order of Worship

May 24, 2015

"Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, both small and great! Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory!"
~ Revelation 19:5-7 ~

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *George Nick*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*
~ Luke 16:19-31 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Tony Grant & Wayne Sampson

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
~ The Reality of Hell ~

Song

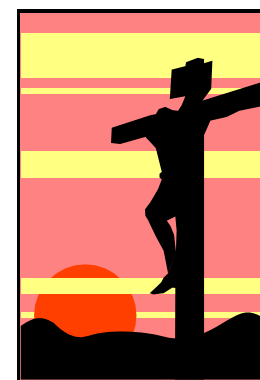
Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Wayne Sampson

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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*We love Him, because He first loved us.*  
- 1 John 4:19 -

**May 24, 2015**

## Sunday Assembly Times:

9:30 am — Bible Class  
10:30 am — Worship  
6:00 — Bible Study

## Wednesday Assembly:

7:00 — Bible Study

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