

Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another" — James 5:16

- Bethany Boucher - requests prayers for her Christian walk & a better attitude toward others; also asking for God's guidance concerning the right job for her
- Alix Brucker (Janice's 14 year old nephew) - drug addiction and a bad environment
- Cook Family - grieving Bob's death
- Diane Cote - dealing with chronic pain
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - health concerns
- Janice Grabowski - looking for a better job
- George & Caren Nick - family struggles
- Ernie Perry - complications from COPD issues; shoulder pain; both may require surgery
- Lesley Hamblin (Rebecca's friend) - pray that a Bible study with her will come to pass
- Jeffery (7 year old) - advanced leukemia; very sick due to aggressive chemo treatments
- Michele (Susana's sister) - recovering from a recent catheter ablation heart procedure
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also suffers with diabetes
- Jan Sampson - making good progress with PT after hip-replacement surgery last month
- Sandra Schmidt (Terry & Betty's daughter in law) - in USAF deployed to the Middle East; should be coming home sometime in Oct
- Haydn Wells - wearing an event monitor due to a racing heart-beat with pain in his chest; seeing a cardiologist October 16
- Karlee Wells - dealing with chronic pain; experiencing severe vertigo due to post concussive syndrome from injuries last school year
- Amber Williams - suffered a slipped disc in her back; currently undergoing PT
- Peter Wolenty (Sandy's brother-in law) - has been diagnosed with colon cancer; waiting on final results of the Pathology reports and decisions on treatment. Please pray for his wife Evelyn (Sandy's sister), their daughter Janice, and the doctors attending him.



Are the Bad Guys Winning?

In 1968, a cigarette, specifically marketed to "liberated" women, used the slogan, "You've come a long way, baby!" Indeed, we had come a long way, but in the wrong direction! During the 1950's and 60's, the **Code of Practices for Television Broadcasters** set forth ethical standards adopted by the **National Association of Broadcasters** for television in 1951. As a child, I remember seeing the "Seal of Good Practice," displayed often during programming.

This code prohibited the use of profanity, the negative portrayal of family life, irreverence for God and religion, illicit sex, drunkenness and addiction, presentation of cruelty, detailed techniques of crime, the use of horror for its own sake, and the negative portrayal of law enforcement officials, among others. The code also regulated how performers should dress and move to be within the "bounds of decency." Further, news reporting was to be "factual, fair and without bias" and commentary and analysis should be "clearly defined as such." Sadly, the anti-establishment movement of the 1960's, along with deteriorating ethics and morals in our society, brought about the complete suspension of the code in 1983. [wikipedia.org/wiki/Code_of_Practices...]

A similar **Motion Picture Production Code** containing a set of moral guidelines was in place from 1930 to 1968. The production code spelled out what was acceptable and what was unacceptable content for motion pictures produced for a public audience in the United States during those years. Things that were not to appear in motion pictures included vulgarity, profanity & taking the Lord's name in vain; licentious or suggestive nudity; any inference of sex perversion; ridicule of the clergy; and willful offense to any nation, race or creed. Good taste was to be emphasized concerning the use of the American flag; firearms; cruelty & brutality; murder; theft & robbery; romance & sex; and marriage & family.

[wikipedia.org/Motion_Picture_Production_Code]

In those days, the good guys ultimately won and the bad guys always lost. The message was clear: "Crime does not pay!" That is until 1968. In *The Thomas Crowne Affair*, which starred Steve McQueen and Faye Dunaway, Crowne is responsible for robbing millions from two Boston banks. Near the end of the movie, the audience anticipates his inevitable capture and arrest. Imagine their surprise when they see McQueen board a jet and fly off into the sunset! He got away with it! Crime *did* pay! The bad guys won! Sadly, the bad guys have been winning more & more ever since.

However, their days are numbered. Their pervasive ungodly influence and evil domination of society will come to an abrupt end. "But the Lord shall endure forever; He has prepared His throne for judgment" (Psalm 9:7). "Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous" (Psalm 1:5). But, because of God's longsuffering patience they still have a chance (see 2 Pet 3:9, 15). "Christ Jesus gave Himself as a ransom for *all*" and God our Savior "desires *all* men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim 2:3-6).

— Terry Schmidt ✍



*Trusting God's faithfulness
dispels our fearfulness.*



Our Deepest Sympathy

*Our sincerest condolences are extended to the family of **Bob Cook** as they mourn his passing.*

A service will be held at Hobb's Funeral Home, 671 Route One, Scarborough on Monday, October 12th at 1:00 PM. May God's steadfast presence and tender compassion provide strength and comfort to these dear ones during this difficult time of grief and loss. ☩



Ladies' Corner

Ladies Day: at Kittery church of Christ, on Saturday, October 24. Registration begins at 8:30 am. Speaker: Rowena Woodman
Theme: Trash to Treasure

Nursing Home: Our next visit to the nursing home will be Wednesday, October 21st. We meet there at 9:30 am. The residents are very encouraged by our visits.



October Birthdays



14th — Haydn Wells
18th — Robyn Mackey
21st — Clara Clark
26th — Nancy Campbell-Jones
28th — Terry Kennedy

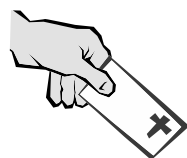
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Potluck Fellowship: Today

SNACKS!

Oct. 11: Shirley
Oct. 18: Nancy

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@zwi.net



Numbers for 10/4/15

Attendance - 29
Contribution - \$959.

Order of Worship

October 11, 2015

"Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory!"
~ Revelation 19:6-7 ~

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Terry Schmidt*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Paul Cote*
~ Daniel 2:20-22 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
George Nick & Wayne Sampson

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Are the Bad Guys Winning?"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Terry Schmidt

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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

**October 11, 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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