

## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"* — James 5:16

- Clara Clark - suffering with pancreatitis; now in a rehab facility in Rochester, NH
- Bob Cook - overall health concerns
- Diane Cote - dealing with chronic pain due to suffering with diabetes; fibromyalgia; tendonitis and neuropathy
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - health concerns
- Richard & Kathy Judkins - health concerns
- George & Caren Nick - family struggles; Caren is now visiting family in South Africa
- Ernie & Wealthie Perry - health concerns; Wealthie is still recovering from a bad fall
- Don Pfeiffer (husband of Terry Kennedy's close friend) - non-invasive bladder cancer; undergoing chemo & radiation treatments
- Lesley Hamblin (Rebecca's friend) - grieving the loss of her husband Tim & dealing with financial struggles; please pray that a Bible study with her will come to pass
- Kathy Rader - healing from recent carpal-tunnel surgery
- Jan Sampson - chronic & severe hip pain
- Ron Sanborn (Terry K's dear friend from the Church of Christ in Conway) - throat cancer; undergoing chemo & radiation therapy
- Sandra Schmidt (Terry & Betty's daughter in law) - in USAF deployed to the Middle East
- Karolyn Terrill - recently diagnosed w/ stage 1 uterine cancer; now back in Arkansas; surgery on 7/30 successful; tumor confined to the uterus and was completely removed; now healing at home and doing well
- Wells Family - visiting relatives in Texas; prayers for safe travel
- Amber Williams - suffered a slipped disc in her back recently; still quite painful

*"Pray without ceasing"* — 1 Thess 5:17

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

**Warning!  
Danger!**

## WARNING LIGHTS

Most vehicles are equipped with either gauges or warning lights on the dashboard to indicate a potentially dangerous condition. The warning lights are commonly referred to as "idiot lights." One reason for this is that, by the time they light up to indicate a problem or malfunction, real damage may have already occurred. The warning light itself is not the problem, but is merely an indication of the problem. It is not the source of the problem, but a symptom.

Similar dynamics are at work in the spiritual realm. There are numerous symptoms which can point to potentially dangerous conditions in one's spiritual life. One of these indicators is lack of attendance whenever the church comes together as a body.

God's word says: "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up [stimulate, motivate; promote] love and good works, not forsaking [neglecting; abandoning] the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner [habit] of some, but exhorting [encouraging] one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching" (Heb 10:23-25).

Are there some legitimate reasons for not attending services of the church on occasion? Of course. What is being discussed here is habitual behavior and routine practice—the result of one's deliberate decision to forsake the assembly. Whenever the church comes together, Jesus is there in our midst (Matt 18:20). Those choosing to be absent at these times need to understand that they remove themselves from a meeting where the Lord is present.

God faithfully demonstrated His love for us, "in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). The redeemed are given opportunity to honor God and demonstrate our love for Him through faithful attendance whenever the church assembles.

In fact, we are commanded to assemble with the saints and worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth (Heb 10:25; Matt 4:4; Jn 4:24). Those choosing to do things other than meet with God and His church should closely examine their motives and seriously evaluate their reasons for doing so (2 Cor 13:5). Because God does! (Prov 5:21; 16:2).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

### ~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

#### Dover Church Bible Game Day

Saturday, Aug 15 at 2:00 PM

#### Gander Brook "Family Camp" 2015

Theme: "The Christian Family"

September 5-7

#### Gander Brook Ladies Retreat

September 17-19

#### Gospel Meeting with Brent Newton

September 20-23

#### Gander Brook Men's Retreat

September 24-26

## I'm Not Attending Anymore!

I've had it! I'm giving up sports. I will not attend any more sports events, and here's why:

1. I was taken to too many games by my parents when I was growing up and it really soured me.
2. Every time I went, they asked for money.
3. The people I sat next to didn't seem very friendly.
4. The seats were too hard and uncomfortable.
5. I went to many games but never got any recognition.
6. The referees made decisions that I didn't agree with.
7. The game often went into overtime and then I was late getting home.
8. The games are always scheduled when I want to do other things.
9. I was always seated next to hypocrites. They weren't true fans and came just to talk with their friends.
10. It requires a lot of effort and takes up too much of my personal time.



## Ladies' Corner

Nursing Home: Our next visit to the nursing home will be Wednesday, August 19th. We meet there at 9:30 am. The residents are very encouraged by our visits.



## Birthdays

13th - Janice Grabowski  
14th - Bob Catalano  
14th - Wayne Sampson  
22nd - Ernie Perry



## Happy Anniversary:

Mike & Teal Baldasaro — 20th

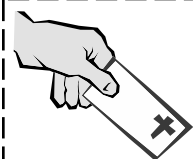


## POT LUCK BARBECUE

Our potluck fellowship today will be a cook out at Susana & Bob's. Bob will have the grill fired-up and ready-to-go so bring a meat, salad or dessert, and something to drink. Also, please bring your own chair. See you there! ☺

## SNACKS!

August 9: Jan  
August 16: Betty



Numbers for 8/2/15

Attendance - 20  
Contribution - \$732.98.

# Order of Worship

August 9, 2015

*"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."*

~ Acts 2:42 ~

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*

~ Luke 8:4-8 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*Tony Grant & Paul Cote*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"The Seed and the Soil"

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 -*

**August 9, 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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