



Ladies' Corner

Ladies Meeting: **TODAY** (while the men have their meeting). Among the things to be discussed are: Ganderbrook Ladies Retreat planning meeting update, Nursing Home no-sew blankets, communion, and the bread ministry. It is important that we get involved in the work of the church. It helps us to grow, develop our gifts and serve God. You are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Ladies Retreat Planning meeting: Saturday, February 7 at 9:30 am at the Brunswick church of Christ.

Nursing Home: Our next regular visit to the nursing home will be Wednesday, February 18th. We meet there at 9:30 am. The residents are very encouraged by our visits.

Biddeford Ladies Day: Saturday, March 14 from 10:00 am to 2:15 pm. Theme: *The Best Part of Waking Up*
Speaker: Celine Sparks, editor of humor for Christian Woman magazine.

February Birthdays:

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



February 1: Terry K
February 8: Jan

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Potluck Fellowship: Next Sunday, after services

Susana's Florida
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Order of Worship

February 1, 2015

"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: *George Nick*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*
~ Matthew 15:21-28 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Tony Grant & Wayne Sampson

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Don't Lose Heart!"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Wayne Sampson

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Greeter: *Tony and/or Nancy Grant*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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

**February 1, 2015**

## Sunday Assembly Times:

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

## Wednesday Assembly:

7:00 — Bible Study

Website: [www.sm-cc.org](http://www.sm-cc.org)  
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Email: [tls654b@gwi.net](mailto:tls654b@gwi.net)

## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"* — James 5:16

- Amanda Bates (nurse at River Ridge) - has leukemia; undergoing chemotherapy
- Bob Cook - overall health concerns
- Bob (Susana's husband) - recently discovered heart condition; seeing cardiologist Thursday
- Gloria Fraser - recovering from gastric bypass and abdominal surgery
- Red Fraser - having heart stents checked; may need bypass surgery
- Karen Gagnon (Keith's mother) - angina
- Paul & Sandy - Sandy—at home and doing better; healing & getting stronger; Paul—diagnosed with a blistering disease which has been causing severe itching for months; now effectively being treated and getting better
- Jean Gortot - inoperable, untreatable cancer
- Nate Hios - ongoing allergies and sickness
- Rebecca Hios - begins new job in February
- Terry Kennedy - recovering from knee replacement surgery; presently undergoing PT
- Tripp Murray & Family (Amber's friends) - a recent MRI revealed the absence of any brain tumors; praise God for answered prayers!
- Ernie & Wealthie Perry - ongoing health issues & concerns
- Priscilla (Kathy's friend) - stage four stomach cancer; please pray for her family as well
- Jan Sampson - chronic & severe hip pain; consulting medical professionals for options
- Betty Starling (friend of TK from San Marcos, TX) - steadily recovering from stroke
- Karlee Wells - dealing with chronic pain
- Blake Williams - dealing with Lyme Disease
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today

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

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



## Persistence

Luke teaches us that Jesus told His disciples the Parable of the Persistent Widow *"to show them that they should always pray and not give up"* — NIV; "never give up" — NLT; "not lose heart" — NASB, NKJV, "never lose hope" — ERV, NCV; and "never become discouraged" — TEV; (Luke 18:1). This parable is a masterful lesson on faith and the persistence of prayer.

The word **persistent** as defined by the *American Heritage Dictionary* reads:

1. Refusing to give up or let go; persevering obstinately.
2. Insistently repetitive or continuous.
3. Existing or remaining in the same state for an indefinitely long time; enduring.

Like the widow in Jesus' parable, a persistent person is one who is tenacious, insistent, unyielding and unrelenting. In the spiritual sense, the Christian's persistence comes, not from ingrained personal stubbornness, but from a firm and unshakable faith in God. We are to *"be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might"* (Ephesians 6:10).

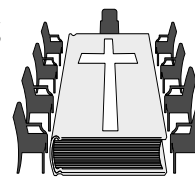
Spiritual steadfastness and prayerful persistence is Jesus' will for you and me. He does not want us to become discouraged, lose heart, or give up. Rather, He wants us to consistently turn to God in prayer, give our worries and problems to him, and seek His help, direction and guidance in all things.

— Terry Schmidt ✍

Men's Business Meeting  
and Budget Planning

**TODAY AFTER SERVICES**

We hope you've planned to attend this very important working session. A meal will be provided. Your participation is needed and will be greatly appreciated.  
Thank you. (Rom 12:11; Col 3:23-24)



**"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:

One of the most essential factors in life is persistence—the determination never to allow your energy or enthusiasm to be dampened by the discouragement that will inevitably come.

—James Whitcomb Riley

😊 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!

