

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
- Sandy Gagnon - home now recovering from a staph infection; on powerful antibiotics
- Richard & Kathy Judkins - health concerns
- George & Caren Nick - family struggles; Caren is now home after visiting South Africa
- Ernie Perry - Suffering with bronchitis due to his COPD; on steroids and antibiotics
- Don Pfeiffer (husband of Terry Kennedy's close friend) - non-invasive bladder cancer
- 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
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also suffers with diabetes
- Kathy Rader - healing from recent carpal-tunnel surgery
- Jan Sampson - chronic & severe hip pain; hip replacement surgery to be scheduled soon
- 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 - now healing at home, gaining strength and doing well
- Karlee Wells - dealing with chronic pain
- Amber Williams - suffered a slipped disc in her back recently

"Pray without ceasing" — 1 Thess 5:17

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

The Sovereignty of God

"The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding He established the heavens" (Proverbs 3:19). The earth and everything in it belongs to the Creator (Psalm 50:12). "Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created" (Psalm 148:5).

Sovereignty has to do with the supreme authority of God. All things He created are sustained by Him and continue to operate under His direction and control (Colossians 1:15-17). He is "one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Ephesians 4:4). He is all-powerful (omnipotent), all-knowing (omniscient), and all-seeing (omnipresent). As such, He "works all things according to the counsel of His will" (Ephesians 1:11).

The Psalmist asks the question, "Where does my help come from?" Christians can confidently join him in answering, "My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1). "Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite" (Psalm 147:5).

While Satan, the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:3-4), has tremendous power and great influence, we are encouraged by the words, "He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world" (1 John 4:4). No matter how difficult the way or how great the opposition, you and the sovereign God of the universe are a majority!

The inspired word of God affirms that following Christ is not easy (2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 5:8). There are constant problems, pressures, and persecutions to be confronted and overcome with God's help and by His strength. "What shall we say to these things? If **God is for us**, who can be against us? . . . Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors **through Him** who loved us! (Romans 8:31; 37).

— 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

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

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



*"But why do you call Me,
 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do
 the things which I say?"*

Jesus — (Luke 6:46)

☺ 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 Retreat Planning Meeting:
Saturday, August 29 at 9:30 AM at the
Greater Portland church of Christ in
South Portland. If you are interested in attending,
please contact Betty.

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

September Birthdays



14th – Kathy Rader

15th – Alison Colvin

18th - Karlee Wells

28th – Bethany Boucher



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Next Men's Business Meeting:** Sep 6th
- **Next Potluck Fellowship:** Sep 20th

BULLETIN ITEMS: If you have a
prayer request or an
announcement for the
bulletin, please contact
Terry Schmidt at 284-9191
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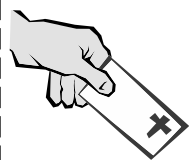
SNACKS!

August 23: Shirley

August 30: Diane



*Embracing God's love for us
is the key to loving others.*



Numbers for 8/16/15

Attendance - 20

Contribution - \$294.

Order of Worship

August 23, 2015

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

~ Acts 2:42 ~

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*

~ Joshua 11:15-23 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:

Tony Grant & Paul Cote

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"The Final Conquest"

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 23, 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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