



## Ladies' Corner

*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.

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

Conway Ladies Weekend: "Experiencing God"; Friday April 10th beginning with a light dinner at 5:30 through Sunday morning, April 12th.

## March Birthdays:

6th – Michael Baldasaro

10th – Bob Cook

23rd – Sophia Colvin

30th – Amber Williams



## Happy Anniversary:

Tony & Nancy Grant — 3rd

Henry & Carolyn Terrill — 31st

## SNACKS!

March 1: Shirley

March 8: Nancy

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Men's Business & Budget Meeting:** TODAY after services
- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Next Sunday, March 8th, after services

**BULLETIN ITEMS:** Contact Terry Schmidt at 284-9191 or e-mail at [tls654b@gwi.net](mailto:tls654b@gwi.net)

# Order of Worship

March 1, 2015

"Great is the LORD, and most  
worthy of praise!"

- Psalm 145:3 -

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*  
~ John 9:1-7 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*George Nick & Tony Grant*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"The Blind *Seeing* Man and  
the Seeing *Blind* Men"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Tony Grant*

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Greeter: *Shirley Boucher*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Terry Kennedy*

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

**March 1, 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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## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"* — James 5:16

- Amanda Bates (nurse at River Ridge) - has leukemia; chemo treatments are working and have improved her health
- Bob Cook - overall health concerns
- Karen Gagnon (Keith's mother) - health concerns; angina
- Sandy—struggles with hip flex muscle; seeing surgeon this week; reoccurring foot problems; visiting wound clinic this week; Paul—struggles with skin conditions; benefiting from med changes; sleeping better
- Jean Gortot - inoperable, untreatable cancer
- Janice Grabowski - ongoing problems with bleeding and sharp pain in abdominal area; treatment attempts so far have not worked; seeing a specialist at Boston's *Brigham and Women's Hospital* in March
- Nate Hios - ongoing allergies and sickness
- Ernie & Wealthie Perry - ongoing health issues & concerns
- Priscilla (Kathy's friend) - stage four stomach cancer; please pray for her family as well
- Kathy Rader - experiencing numbness in her face & other areas; awaiting OK for an MRI and results from blood tests
- Jan Sampson - chronic & severe hip pain; receiving a series of cortisone shots
- Wayne Sampson - severe pain in right knee
- Sara Schmidt (Terry & Betty's daughter-in-law) - suffering w/ severe morning sickness
- Karlee Wells - dealing with chronic pain
- Blake Williams - still feeling some lingering neurological effects of the 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



## Spiritual Blindness

Is it possible for one to appear religious, even righteous, and yet actually be quite distant from God and remain spiritually destitute? Perhaps we should ask the Pharisees and religious leaders of Jesus' day that question. Jesus called these ones who had full access to the Word of God "*Hypocrites!*" He said, "*These people draw near to me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me*" (Matthew 15:8). In another place Jesus referred to these religious leaders as blind guides (Matthew 23:24), and said, "*Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch*" (Matthew 15:14).

The problem here is that these men did not regard themselves as being far from God or spiritually blind. In fact, they prided themselves on their deep spirituality and faithful service to God (Matthew 7:21-23; Luke 18:9-14). Self-deception is insidious and extremely dangerous—especially in matters of faith. James says if we are merely *hearers* of the word and not *doers*, we deceive ourselves (James 1:22). To prevent spiritual self-deception, we are commanded to examine ourselves, whether we are in the faith (2 Corinthians 13:5). This involves serious soul-searching and some close introspection in light of the truth of scripture (Hebrews 4:12).

In addition to routine self-examination, we are to be diligent in nourishing and strengthening our faith. This involves time spent in the word and in prayer. We are to add the "Christian Graces" to our lives so we will be servants who are effective and productive for the Lord (2 Peter 1:5-11). This requires intentional, determined effort on our part. Being custodians of our faith is an ongoing responsibility of greatest importance. Failure in this area can result in debilitating spiritual blindness, having definite eternal consequences.

— 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

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*"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."* — Acts 4:12

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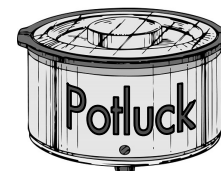


## POINTS TO PONDER:

Nothing will destroy our cheerfulness today, like worrying about what may happen tomorrow.— Ed Kirk

## \*\*\* Pot Luck Fellowship \*\*\*

Next Sunday after  
 services. There's plenty  
 for all. Please stay for  
 this special time of food,  
 fun and fellowship!



## ☺ 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!

