

## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"* — James 5:16

- Bethany Boucher - requests prayers for her Christian walk and 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
- Jean Gortot - suffering with advanced cancer
- Janice Grabowski - looking for a better job
- 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
- George & Caren Nick - family struggles
- Ernie Perry - complications from COPD issues; shoulder pain; both may require surgery
- 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
- 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.



## Speck Inspectors

The story is told of a visiting Army General who, while inspecting a military base, noticed an unbuttoned flap on the shirt of a lowly Private. Unwilling to let such an offense pass, and in order to impress upon others the need for strict adherence to policy, the General called the Private to attention before many onlookers.

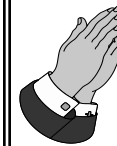
Standing right in front of him, and with all the authority he could muster, the General bellowed: "Private! Button the flap on the shirt pocket NOW!" The Private replied with great embarrassment, "Right now Sir, in front of everybody?" "Right HERE...right NOW, soldier!" blasted the imposing General. At that moment the Private, with hands visibly shaking, reached out and carefully fastened the unbuttoned flap on the General's shirt!

How easy it often is for us to see the flaws in others but not in ourselves! Jesus noted this tendency in Matthew 7:3-5 — "Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck out of your eye'; and, look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye; and then you will see clearly to remove the speck out of your brother's eye."

We get a distinct mental picture with the hyperbole (a gross exaggeration for rhetorical effect) Jesus uses here. Here's a person with flawed vision who can hardly see (impaired by the large plank in his eye), attempting to remove a tiny speck from his brother's eye. This is hypocritical because he is behaving as though he can see perfectly! "The judgment Jesus is particularly condemning here is our efforts to make all conform to our standards of perfection" [F.F Bruce in *The International Bible Commentary*].

This judgmental attitude can lead to a critical, fault-finding spirit which is contrary to the Christian spirit. "Do not speak evil of one another, brethren" (Jas 4:11). "Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned" (Jas 5:9). To "grumble against" literally means "to groan" and has been translated as complain, slander and criticize. While we may fail in this area once in a while, this is not something we want to be guilty of consistently doing. "Therefore, let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way (Rom 14:13).

— Terry Schmidt ✍



### Our Deepest Sympathy

*Our sincerest condolences are extended to the family of **Bob Cook** as they mourn his passing. May God's steadfast presence and tender compassion provide strength and comfort to these dear ones during this difficult time of grief and loss. ☩*



### POINTS TO PONDER:

*To be spiritually fit, feed on God's Word and exercise your faith.*

### 😊 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

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.

Ladies Day: at Kittery church of Christ, on Saturday, October 24. Registration begins at 8:30 am.

Speaker: Rowena Woodman

Theme: Trash to Treasure



## October Birthdays



18th — Robyn Mackey

21st — Clara Clark

26th — Nancy Campbell-Jones

28th — Terry Kennedy

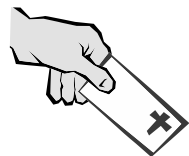
## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Next Men's Business Meeting:** Sunday, November 1st, after services

## SNACKS!

Oct. 18: Nancy  
Oct. 25: Diane

**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](mailto:tls654b@zwi.net)



Numbers for 10/11/15

Attendance - 20  
Contribution - \$448.

## Order of Worship

October 18, 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: *Erik Grabowski*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Paul Cote*

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*George Nick & Wayne Sampson*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Nate Hios*

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Nate Hios*

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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 18, 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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