



## Ladies' Corner

Gander Brook Ladies Retreat Planning Meeting will be Saturday, Jan. 10 at 9:00 AM at the Greater Portland church of Christ. Contact Betty if you are interested in riding with her.

Women's Brunch: The Seabrook church of Christ invited us to a Winter Women's Brunch on Saturday, January 17 from 11 am to 2 pm. The theme is 'Home is where God's heart is.' An RSVP is required: I will ask for a show of hands today. — *Betty*

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

## January Birthdays:

4th – George Nick  
4th - Wealthie Perry  
26th - Susana Kazel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Wednesday Bible Class:** Class will resume this Wednesday, January 7th
- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Next Sunday, January 11th, after services



January 4: Amber  
January 11: Shirley

## Ladies Bread Ministry

January 11: Jan



"I call to God, the Most High, to God, who supplies my every need." — Psalm 57:2

# Order of Worship

January 4, 2015

*"Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our maker."*

- Psalm 95:1, 2, & 6 -

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Tony Grant*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*  
~ Colossians 4:7-18 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*Wayne Sampson & Terry Schmidt*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"Paul's Photo Album"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*George Nick*

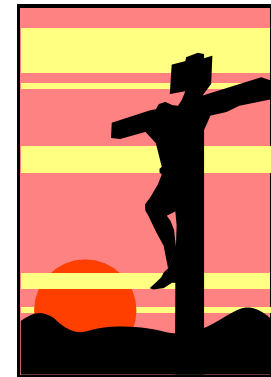
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Greeter: *Terry Kennedy*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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

**January 4, 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)  
Phone: 207-229-4174  
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
- Elaine (Susana's sister) - internal bleeding found and stopped; home now doing better
- Karen Gagnon (Keith's mother) - hospitalized with angina; undergoing many tests
- Paul & Sandy - Sandy—hospitalized Saturday with severe abdominal pain; still has painful swelling in her legs & feet; Paul—at home on strong antibiotics fighting major infections
- Jean Gortot - inoperable, untreatable cancer
- Nate Hios - ongoing allergies and sickness
- Rebecca Hios - offered a job in Rochester!
- Terry Kennedy - recovering from knee replacement surgery; presently undergoing PT
- Kim Murray & Family (Amber's friend) - sons brain tumors cannot be surgically removed; undergoing radiation; chemo will follow
- Ernie & Wealthie Perry - ongoing health issues & concerns
- Priscilla (Kathy's friend) - stage four stomach cancer; please pray for her family as well
- Rebecca, Caren & Karlee - as teachers, their school situations are very challenging
- Jan Sampson - chronic & severe hip pain
- Betty Starling (friend of TK from San Marcos, TX) - recovering from a recent stroke
- Karlee Wells - dealing with chronic pain
- Wells Family - mourning the loss of Karlee's grandmother, Janie Nemic; prayers for safe travel as Karlee & boys fly to TX for funeral
- 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



## Giving Praise and Showing Appreciation

As Paul closes out the epistle to the Colossians, he takes the time to specifically name those who had faithfully assisted him in the Lord's work. While some instances in his writings demanded serious warnings and severe rebukes, Paul spent most of his time at the end of Colossians (and Romans) commending his fellow workers in the Lord and showing his appreciation for their help and service in God's kingdom. This Scriptural precedent provides us with an example that we would do well to emulate.

While faithful committed Christians do not serve in order to get recognition, this does not mean that they should not be recognized. As we have seen, showing genuine gratitude and sincere appreciation for service well rendered in the Lord's church was important to Paul. And it should be important to us as well. God's word teaches that we are to be devoted to one another in brotherly love and honor one another above ourselves (Romans 12:10). Paul again says, "Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up...." (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

Contrary to the unfounded fears of some, giving sincere praise and proper recognition rarely results in an inflated ego or a swelled head. Rather, giving deserved praise and showing heartfelt appreciation will most likely spur another on toward love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24), while preventing them from becoming discouraged, growing weary in doing good, losing heart and even giving up (Galatians 6:9-10).

So, let us be sure to encourage one another (Heb 3:13; 10:25) and build each other up in our most holy faith (Jude 20), being liberal with our praise and eager to show our appreciation. Our brothers and sisters will glow in the warmth of this genuinely expressed love and their light will no doubt shine even brighter. And most important, God will be glorified! (Matt 5:16). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



## Our Deepest Sympathy

*We extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy to Keith & Karlee Wells and family as they mourn the loss of Karlee's grandmother, Janie, who passed away Friday. May God's steadfast presence and tender compassion provide strength and comfort to them during this difficult time. †*

**"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:

Faith may not always know where it is being led, but it knows & trusts the One who is leading.

## 😊 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!*

