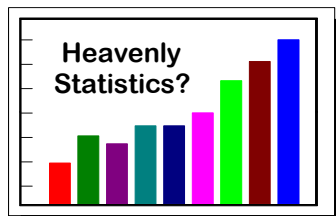


Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another" — James 5:16

- 3-year old Aubree - lost her mom less than a year ago; diagnosed with Leukemia
- Bob Cook - overall health concerns
- Gagnons - Paul—going to River Ridge for OT, PT, & Speech - Social & Nuero-Psychology therapies 2 or 3 days per week. Sandy—feet are stable but still has to limit time spent on them; now walking with a cane and driving!
- Evangeline (George's 96 year old mother) - has Alzheimer's; struggling with depression
- Rebecca Hios - thankful for answered prayers regarding her new work partner
- George & Caren Nick - family struggles; pray Caren gets needed documents for her trip
- Tom Olbricht - heart operation was a success
- Ernie & Wealthie Perry - health concerns
- Priscilla (Kathy's friend) - stomach cancer
- Kathy Rader - still experiencing numbness in face & other areas; seeing doctors
- Jan Sampson - chronic & severe hip pain
- Wayne Sampson - severe pain in right knee; candidate for knee replacement surgery
- Sandra Schmidt (Terry & Betty's daughter in law) - in USAF deployed to the Middle East
- Lou Smith (Karolyn's 64 yr old cousin) - has stomach cancer and is now in Hospice Care; please keep husband Jerry & family in prayer
- Henry & Karolyn Terrill - prayers for safe travel to Maine from Arkansas; if all goes well, should be arriving around May 10th
- Karlee Wells - suffering with chronic pain
- Blake Williams - still feeling some lingering neurological effects of the Lyme Disease
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today

"Pray without ceasing" — 1 Thess 5:17



Heaven and Public Opinion Polls

According to a Gallup "Values and Beliefs" poll done in May 2004, 81% of Americans said they believe in heaven, with 10% being unsure, and 8% not believing. As expected, regular churchgoers were more likely than others to say they believe in heaven.

In 1988, Gallup asked Americans who believed in heaven as a place of eternal reward what their chances were of going there themselves. Seventy-seven percent rated their chances as "good" or "excellent," while 19% rated them as "only fair" or "poor."

A Baylor Religion Survey conducted in 2007 showed that 62.3% believed absolutely in the existence of heaven, with 19.6% saying the existence of heaven was highly probable. A 2011 Survey conducted by Statista (The Statistics Portal) revealed that 85% of those surveyed believed in heaven, 14% did not, with 1% having no opinion.

An article published by PRNewswire on May 29, 2013 entitled, "Majority of Americans Surveyed Believe Heaven and Hell Exist," revealed that "62% of respondents believe in heaven and think they're going there, while only 1.5% believe they will go to hell."

In a poll conducted just last year in October 2014 by the Life Way Research Group, 67 percent of Americans indicated that they believe heaven is a real place. Just under half of Americans (45 percent) said there are many ways to heaven—which conflicts with traditional views about salvation being linked to faith in Jesus. About half of Americans (53 percent) said salvation is in Christ alone. Four in 10 (41 percent) say people who have never heard of Jesus can still get into heaven.

As we can see, there are many views concerning whether or not there is a heaven, and if one exists, who will go there. But the Bible is clear and unmistakable in its teaching. Heaven is real. It is the eternal abode of God (Gen 28:17; Ps 80:14; Is 66:1), and of the good angels Mt 24:36), and where the redeemed in Christ shall someday be (Mt 5:12; 6:20; 1 Pet 1:3-4). Heaven is a place reserved only for "those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life" (Rev 21:27).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Kittery Workshop/Seminar

"Dreaming With Your Eyes Opened"
Saturday, May 16th—Sunday, May 17th.
Speaker: Bill Butterfield, Parkersburg, WV

"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

☺ 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 Meeting: Sunday, May 17th after services during the men's meeting.

Ladies Inspiration Day: Dover Church of Christ, Sat, June 13th from 9:30—2:00. Theme: "Key to Love"

Happy Anniversary:

Blake & Amber Williams — 5/13
Bob Catalano & Susana Kazel — 5/17



May Birthdays:

3rd — Paula Kennedy
9th — Arilyn Nick
12th — Tony Grant
15th - Anthony Williams
16th — Betty Schmidt
18th — Martha Shaffer
23rd - Hunter Wells

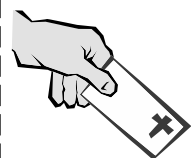


ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Pot Luck Fellowship: Due to Mother's Day being the second Sunday, our next pot luck will be May 17th
- Men's Business Meeting: Will be held May 17th, after pot luck fellowship

SNACKS!

May 3: Terry K
May 10: Jan



Numbers for 4/26/15

Attendance - 18
Contribution - \$508.

Order of Worship

May 3, 2015

"Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, both small and great!
Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory!"
~ Revelation 19:5-7 ~

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *George Nick*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*
~ Revelation 21:1-7 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Tony Grant & Wayne Sampson

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Heaven"

Song

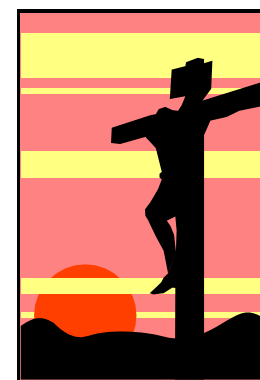
Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Wayne Sampson

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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

**May 3, 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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