

Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another" — James 5:16

- Diane Cote - diagnosed with kidney disease
- John Donofrio (Betty's brother) - much of his ulcerated large intestine was removed; now home recovering; pray for his overall health
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at River Ridge; Sandy: now at Seal Rock undergoing rehab
- Jean Gortot - suffering with advanced cancer
- Erik & Janice Grabowski - "please pray that the Lord would open doors for us to have a child"
- Susana Kazel - health concerns; recently learned of 2 dear friends suffering with cancer
- Mary (Paula's mom) - inoperative cancerous tumor in liver still growing; in Hospice care
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer
- George & Caren Nick - ongoing family struggles
- Ernie Perry - shoulders healing well; dealing with COPD issues
- Wealthie Perry - various health concerns; test for abdominal pain scheduled for Sept 5th
- Don Pfeiffer - bladder cancer has returned
- Kathy Rader - has a lot to deal with right now and requests our prayers for her & her mom
- Robert (Shirley's Dad) - has fluid around his lungs and a serious heart condition; now at Atlantic Heights in Saco
- Karlee Wells - dealing with severe migraines, chronic pain & other health issues
- Blake Williams - personal & family struggles
- Peter Wolenty (Sandy's brother-in law) - various health concerns
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for our upcoming meeting will be successful in number and spiritual growth

"Pray without ceasing." - 1 Thess 5:17

Wherever you go, the Lord your God is with you!

Although our 3500 mile trip to visit family in Pennsylvania and Illinois was enjoyable, I must say that it is good to be home. For three weeks Betty and I were away from home, but we were always near God, and God was always near us. As the Psalmist observed:

Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Your presence?
If I ascend into heaven, You are there;
If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.
If I take the wings of the morning,
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
Even there Your hand shall lead me,
And Your right hand shall hold me.
— Psalm 139:7-10

There is never a place we can go where God is not with us. He is everywhere present. Bible scholars and theologians refer to this as the omnipresence of God. "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good" (Pr 15:3). To the disobedient, this fact may seem unsettling and unwelcomed. But to the obedient believer, the fact that God is always there—no matter what—provides great comfort and assurance.

The clear and certain fact is that no one can hide or run away from God. Jonah tried this and it didn't work. In Jeremiah 23:24, God Himself confirms this with a rhetorical question: "Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?" says the Lord; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the Lord.

For the Christian, these words provide great hope and encouragement. God is always there. He is with us wherever we go and whatever we do. Whether we're in the comfort of our own home, at work, driving on the highway, traveling in a distant land, or in the air or on the sea—He is there!

And we can take God at His word when He says: "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me? (Heb 13:5-6).

We can also take to heart the inspiring words God spoke to Joshua so long ago: "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

SMCC Gospel Meeting

with Brent Newton

August 28—31

"Serving the Son, or Serving Sin?"

Gander Brook Family Camp

September 3—5

Theme: "A Family of Disciples"

Gander Brook Ladies' Retreat

September 15, 16 & 17

Theme: "Hold Fast Sister"

Gander Brook Men's Retreat

September 22, 23 & 24

Theme: "Becoming Good News"

Registration for both retreats available online:

<http://www.ganderbrook.org/>

*"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

Nursing Home: The next nursing home visit will be Tuesday, September 20th, at 9:30 am.



Birthdays

22nd - Ernie Perry

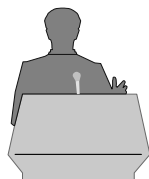


Gospel Meeting

Aug 28 — 31

with Brent Newton

Invite your family,
friends and neighbors!



You are the only Bible some will read. What "version" are others seeing in your life?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

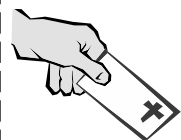
- Potluck Fellowship: Sunday, August 28th, after services

SNACKS!

August 21: Paula
August 28: Terry K

Ladies Bread Ministry

August 21: Jan
August 28: Betty



Numbers for 8/14/16

Attendance - 21
Contribution - \$466.

Order of Worship

August 21, 2016

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

— Acts 2:42 —

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Terry Schmidt*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*

~ Psalm 139:1-6 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:

George Nick & Erik Grabowski

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"God is With Us"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

Wayne Sampson

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Susana Kazel*

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

**August 21, 2016**

## 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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