

Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another" — James 5:16

- Diane Cote - diagnosed with kidney disease
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at River Ridge; Sandy: has returned home from Seal Rock and is doing well
- 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
- Laurie (Caren's friend) - suffering with cancer; now undergoing radiation therapy
- 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 - having colonoscopy on Sept 12 & some other tests to determine cause of blood found in stool; also dealing with COPD issues
- Wealthie Perry - tests for abdominal pain have revealed a cancerous tumor on her pancreas; treatment options are still being evaluated
- Don Pfeiffer - bladder cancer has returned
- Jerry Prestridge (Bob & Phyllis' son) - serving in Afghanistan for the next 6 to 9 months
- Kathy Rader - has a lot to deal with right now and requests our prayers for her & her mom
- Robert (Shirley's Dad) - serious heart condition; now at Atlantic Heights in Saco and doing well
- 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 that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for those not with us today

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



Forks in the Road

Yogi Berra is credited with saying: "If you come to a fork in the road, take it." Oh, if it were only that simple! When faced with the decisions of life, choosing the right or best solution is not always easy. As we travel down the highway of life, we are bombarded by billboards with appealing ads and attractive enticements, each vying for our attention, patronage and loyalty. Not all these are bad. Some can be beneficial. But many promise *much* and deliver *little*, leaving us empty and no better off than we were before.

Deciding which way to go at the fork is often difficult. One way may seem good, appealing and pleasant, but have at its end a destination that is highly undesirable. "There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25). The other way may appear rough, difficult and challenging, but offers a beneficial journey and a rewarding end. "The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day" (Proverbs 4:18).

Knowing the final destination is a critical piece of information that will help us in making our decision as to which way to go at a fork in the road. Jesus admonishes: "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matthew 7:13-14).

While many on the broad road may seem to be living a carefree life of pleasure and prosperity, unless they repent and turn to God, their final destiny is serious and sobering. And although we who have chosen to travel the narrow and difficult way may have constant struggles and countless problems, the reward we shall receive at the end will make it all worthwhile! (Matt 25:34; Rom 8:18).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

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"

"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

"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



POINTS TO PONDER

*Ask the Lord to give you faith
to trust Him for His deliverance.
Faith is the best antidote for fear.*

☺ 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.



September Birthdays



11th - Jason Kennedy
14th - Kathy Rader
18th - Karlee Wells
28th - Bethany Boucher

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Pot Luck fellowship: today after services
- Men's Business meeting: today after the pot luck fellowship

SNACKS!

September 11: Betty
September 18: Shirley



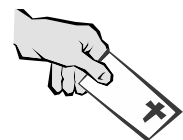
Prayer can be simply defined as an honest conversation with God.



On August 30th Lee & Molly Sampson welcomed their precious 10 pound daughter into the world!

Her name is **River Teal**.

Both mother and daughter are healthy and doing well. Special congratulations are lovingly extended to proud grandparents Wayne & Jan and great grandparents Paul & Sandy! ☺



Numbers for 9/4/16

Attendance - 26
Contribution - \$572.

Order of Worship

September 11, 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: *Erik Grabowski*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*
~ Numbers 13:25-33 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Terry Schmidt & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"We Are Not Able (?)"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Terry Kennedy*

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

**September 11, 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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