

Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another" — James 5:16

- Larry Butler - recently diagnosed with a rare form of cancer in his abdomen; treatment options are still being evaluated
- Diane Cote - diagnosed with kidney disease
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at River Ridge; Sandy: at home and doing well - *Praise God!*
- Jean Gortot - suffering with advanced cancer
- Erik & Janice Grabowski - "please pray that the Lord would open doors for us to have a child"
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - request prayers for the work in Kittery
- Susana Kazel - health concerns
- Jason & Paula Kennedy - mourning the recent death of Paula's mother
- Laurie (Caren's friend) - suffering with cancer; now undergoing radiation therapy
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer
- George & Caren Nick - ongoing family struggles
- Ernie Perry - recent colonoscopy went well; no real problems; also dealing with COPD issues
- Wealthie Perry - cancerous tumor on pancreas is of a serious & severe nature and in advanced progression; has begun chemotherapy
- 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 - chronic pain; health concerns
- Blake Williams - personal & family struggles
- Peter Wolenty - 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

Not Baptized to Be Saved?

While listening to a well known radio evangelist, I heard him make the following statement: "We are baptized...not to be saved...but to obey the command of God." How do you feel about this statement? Does it make sense? How does it stand up when compared to the word of God, our standard for all matters of faith and practice?

Perhaps what he is actually saying can be clarified and better understood by breaking down his statement into two separate parts: (1) We are **not** baptized to be saved; (2) We **are** baptized to obey the command of God. The problem with this proposition is that one part of his sentence clearly contradicts the other!

We would wholeheartedly agree with the second part of this statement. We are baptized to obey the command of God. Jesus himself commanded us to be baptized (Matthew 28:19). And this same Jesus said: "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved (Mark 16:16).

Is Jesus saying here that we are baptized to be saved? If he is not saying this, what is he saying? So, if Jesus is saying that we **are** baptized to be saved, how can this guy on the radio say that we are **not** baptized to be saved? Is he not openly contradicting what is plainly taught in Scripture?

I wonder how he would explain Peter's statement: "this water symbolizes **baptism that now saves you....**" (1 Peter 3:21). How does his statement, "We are baptized...not to be saved..." harmonize with this verse? The fact is – it doesn't! It teaches the direct opposite of what God's word teaches. And we have a major problem!

This man is a popular and highly respected denominational preacher. Much of what he has to say is very good and harmonizes with the teachings of God's word. But we in the Lord's church must be careful to search the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things are so! (Acts 17:11). And when we find something that does not harmonize with the truth of God's word, we must reject it as false.

Furthermore, with God's help and by His strength, we need to stand for what is true (1 Corinthians 15:1-2; 2 John 4), defend the gospel (Philippians 1:16; 2 Timothy 1:13-14), and "contend earnestly for the faith!" (Jude 3; 1 Timothy 6:12).

— Terry Schmidt ✍



Our Deepest Sympathy

*Our sincerest condolences are extended to **Paula and family** as they mourn the passing of Paula's mom Mary. She had been suffering with inoperable liver cancer for quite some time. May God's steadfast presence and tender compassion provide strength and comfort to these dear ones during this difficult time of grief and loss. ✝*

WINTER ADDRESS

Susana & Bob have made it to Florida safe & sound! Their address is:



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~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

21st Northern New England Lectures

Lakes Region church of Christ
October 7, 8 & 9

"Epistle to the church at Ephesus"

Kittery Ladies Day

October 22 — 9:00am-2:00pm

Linda King: "Perseverance"

Valerie Seaton: "The Art of Apology and Forgiveness"

(more info on back table)



Ladies' Corner

Next ladies' ministry meeting: Today, after services

Nursing home: The next nursing home visit will be Tuesday, October 11th, at 9:30 am. Afterwards, we go to *Perfectos* in Kennebunk for lunch and fellowship.

Ladies Night Out: Friday, October 21st at Sandy's. Fellowship will be from 5pm to 8pm. You are asked to bring a snack or beverage. A sign up sheet will be on the back table. All ladies are encouraged to attend.



October Birthdays



10th - Keith Wells

14th - Hayden Wells

18th - Robyn Mackey

21st - Clara Clark

26th - Nancy Campbell-Jones

28th - Terry Kennedy

Happy Anniversary:

Wayne & Jan — October 9th

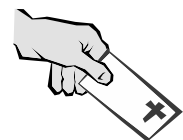
Jason & Paula — October 25th

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Men's ministry meeting: Today, after services
- Pot luck fellowship: Sunday, October 9th, after services

SNACKS!

October 2: Nancy
October 9: Sandy



Numbers for 9/25/16

Attendance - 17

Contribution - \$424.

Order of Worship

October 2, 2016

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms."

— Psalm 95:1-2 —

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*
~ 2 Kings 5:1-14 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Wayne Sampson & Erik Grabowski

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"The Healing of Naaman the Leper"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Terry Schmidt

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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 2, 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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