

Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another" — James 5:16

- Brent Bell - awaiting test results for a possible cyst on his pancreas
- Diane Cote - diagnosed with kidney disease
- John Donofrio (Betty's brother) - much of his ulcerated large intestine was removed; please pray for restoration of his health
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at River Ridge; Sandy: at SMHC in room 324A; pneumonia now gone; issues remain with bowel blockage
- Jean Gortot - suffering with advanced cancer
- Erik & Janice Grabowski - "please pray that the Lord would open doors for us to have a child"
- Mary (Paula's mom) - on new medication to stop liver tumor growth; now in palliative care
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; a cancerous tumor recently found in nose; undergoing radiation therapy
- Lyndon Myers (Susana's son) - recently had prostate cancer surgery; thankful for good biopsy results; recuperating well; please pray for a full recovery
- George & Caren Nick - grieving the recent loss of George's mother; request prayers for Vivian's pregnancy & Angel's life challenges
- Ernie Perry - right shoulder healing; having surgery on left shoulder May 31; COPD issues
- Wealthie Perry - various health concerns
- Don Pfeiffer - bladder cancer has returned
- Karlee Wells - has been accepted to a 2-year doctorate program at work which will provide greater opportunities & better working conditions; dealing with chronic pain & health issues
- Blake Williams - personal & family struggles
- Peter Wolenty (Sandy's brother-in law) - had illiostomy that will be reversed in 1 month; prayers are requested for his health & healing
- 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



God's Word

Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." How did He do it? Of course, we don't know all the details, but "by faith we understand that the worlds were framed (*created*-NIV) by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible" (Heb 11:3). Each day of creation in Genesis chapter 1 is preceded by the phrase, "And God said..." God simply spoke everything into existence through His powerful word! "For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded and it stood fast" (Psalm 33:9).

The Psalmist confirms this in Psalm 33:6, "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth." God's word is just as strong today as it was then. "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb 4:12).

God's word is truth (Jn 17:17); it makes us free (Jn 8:32); it cleanses (Jn 15:3); it saves (Jas 1:21); it gives life (Jn 6:63); it nourishes (Mt 4:4); it causes growth (1 Pet 2:2); it bears fruit (Lk 8:11, 15); it guides and directs (Ps 119: 105); it strengthens, comforts, encourages, and gives hope (Rom 15:4); it will judge us at the Last Day (Jn 12:48); and it will endure forever! (1 Pet 1:25).

Today, you and I have unlimited access to the word of God in many different English versions and through various electronic formats. We can take the Bible with us wherever we go and need never be without it. This is a privilege our forefathers never knew and could have only dreamed of. Are we taking full advantage of the tremendous opportunities afforded us? Being in the word of God is central to our faith and essential to our Christian walk. What place does the word of God have in your life? — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Spring Sing

Church of Christ, Springfield, VT
Sunday, May 1

New England Lectureship

Holiday Inn, Taunton, MA
May 6-8

"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

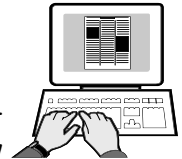
Repent of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30

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

Gander Brook Camping Registration



Registration for the upcoming camping season is now open online. You can register online at: ganderbrook.org/registration-

☺ 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 Wednesday, May 18th, 2016 at 9:30 am.



May Birthdays



3rd - Paula Kennedy

12th - Tony Grant

15th - Anthony Williams

16th - Betty Schmidt

23rd - Hunter Wells

30th - Paul Cote

Happy Anniversary:

Bob & Susana — May 17th

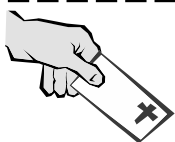
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Men's Business Meeting:** Today, after services
- **Next Pot Luck Fellowship:** Due to next Sunday being Mother's Day, our pot luck will be on Sunday the 15th

SNACKS!

May 1: Betty
May 8: Shirley

What a joy it is to join with other Christians in worship and fellowship! Praying and worshipping together, studying the Scriptures together, and caring for one another in the family of God are essential for our spiritual growth and unity as believers.



Numbers for 4/24/16

Attendance - 26

Contribution - \$765.

Order of Worship

May 1, 2016

"Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name."

- Psalm 100:2, 4 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Seth Willey*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Erik Grabowski*
~ 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
George Nick & Jason Kennedy

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"How Do You View the Word of God?"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Wayne Sampson

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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 -

**May 1, 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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