

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 — 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"
- 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 - 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; treatment options are still being evaluated; seeing cancer specialist on Tuesday
- 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

A Sad Commentary

The inspired New Testament writer, Luke, records two verses concerning the Jews (the Pharisees and teachers of the law in particular), which are very disturbing and should get our attention.

The first of these, found in Luke's Gospel, reads: "But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves... (Luke 7:30)." The second discomfiting scripture is found in Luke's second book – the book of Acts: "Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, 'It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first: but seeing you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles (Acts 13:46)."

Both of these texts say essentially the same thing: the Jews had rejected the word of God and, in doing so, had rejected the will and counsel of God. The decision to do this was not in their best interest. As a result of this action, they had in effect judged themselves unworthy of everlasting life. What a sad commentary on those who were in a covenant relationship with God.

But, before we come down too hard on these Jews, let's consider some thought-provoking, heart probing questions. Is it possible for Christians, those in a covenant relationship with God today, to reject the word of God? This is not to suggest that it would be typical for a child of God to say that the Bible is not the inspired word of God. This is not the kind of rejection being discussed.

The real question is: is it possible for us to reject God's word – to reject or refuse His counsel in certain areas of our lives? If so, in what areas of my life could I be guilty of rejecting the counsel of God? Is there an area in my life where I am willingly disobeying God and actively resisting His will for me? And in doing this, is it a serious enough area that I could in effect be judging myself unworthy of eternal life?

— Terry Schmidt ✍

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Gander Brook Men's Retreat

September 22, 23 & 24

Theme: "Becoming Good News"

21st Northern New England Lectures

Lakes Region church of Christ

October 7, 8 & 9

"Epistle to the church at Ephesus"
(more info on back table)

"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

There's no telling what a simple act of kindness done in Jesus' name can do.

☺ 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.

Next ladies' ministry meeting: Sunday, October 2nd, after services



September Birthdays

18th - Karlee Wells
28th - Bethany Boucher



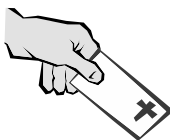
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next men's ministry meeting: Sunday, October 2nd, after services
- Next pot luck fellowship: Sunday, October 9th, after services

SNACKS! September 18: Shirley
September 25: Diane

Wanted: A Dependable Person

In virtually every classified section of the newspaper, we find some employer advertising for a "dependable person" to occupy some position of trust and responsibility. No organization can succeed without dependable personnel. Undependable workers affect morale and hinder an organization's effectiveness. It is equally true that the local congregation cannot be an effective organization unless it consists of "dependable" Christians; that is, members who will willingly and consistently shoulder their responsibilities and cooperate to fulfill the mission of the Lord's church. — *Bob West*



Numbers for 9/11/16

Attendance - 23
Contribution - \$383.

Order of Worship

September 18, 2016

"And they continued steadfastly in the Apostle's 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*

Song

The Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *George Nick*

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 18, 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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