



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Diane Cote - diagnosed with kidney disease & dealing with many other health issues
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at Greenwood Center in Sanford & doing well; Sandy: dealing w/ pain brought on by polymyalgia rheumatica
- Hurricane/Flood/Fire/Shooting Victims - please pray for the injured, those who have lost loved ones and/or all their earthly possessions ; pray for those involved in rescue and relief efforts
- Joyce (Shirley's sister) - recovering well from pneumonia & fluid in lungs
- Luke (Susana's 6 mo. old great-grandson) - diagnosed with a large inoperable brain tumor; chemo treatments working; tumor is shrinking!
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also has diabetes
- Caren Nick - chronic fatigue syndrome
- Chris Nick (George's brother) - had a serious stroke recently and is severely debilitated
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Robert (Shirley's Dad) - serious heart condition
- Wayne Sampson - recently diagnosed with gallstones & fatty liver; also suffering from lower back pain and ongoing anxiety attacks
- Mark Schmidt (Terry & Betty's son) - serving in the USAF; deployed to Qatar; going home soon
- Henry Terrill - suffering with lower back pain
- Karlee Wells - various health issues; dealing with PTSD, TBI, severe migraines and chronic pain; now travelling to Boston for treatment
- Kim Willey - recovering well from recent gall bladder surgery; thank you for the beautiful fruit basket and for all the prayers!
- Peter Wolenty - ongoing heart problems
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today



## The Fruit of a Godless Society

Today's activist judges, socialist politicians, and the liberal media use the term "separation of church and state" as though it were in the Constitution. It is not. What is part of the Constitution is the first amendment: "*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.*" It was the fear of an establishment of a state religion by the government and the threat that they might "prohibit the free exercise thereof" that President Thomas Jefferson was addressing when he used the phrase in a letter to the Baptist Association of Danbury, Connecticut.

The phrase was resurrected in 1947 by the Supreme Court in the case of *Everson v. Board of Education* where the court stated, "The First Amendment has erected a wall between church and state. That wall must be kept high and impenetrable. We could not approve the slightest breach." We've been hearing this phrase used (or should I say misused) quite frequently ever since. And its meaning, as it is commonly employed today, is directly opposite of what Mr. Jefferson intended.

Since 1947, the consistent application of "separation of church and state" in Supreme Court decisions has brought about the gradual insidious erosion of America's Judeo-Christian foundation. During this time, the extensive deterioration of bedrock Biblical beliefs, which formed this country and made it strong and great, has resulted in damage so devastating, it now appears irreparable.

In the 1962 case of *Engel v. Vitale*, the Supreme Court made the decision to prohibit prayer in schools. This was followed a year later in 1963 with the *Murray v. Curlett* lawsuit, where a landmark Supreme Court ruling ended official Bible reading in American public schools. Madalyn Murray O'Hair, along with other atheist activists, had essentially expelled God from our schools.

And we've been feeling the negative effects ever since as our society moves further and further away from our Creator and His teachings. The 1973 *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision legalized abortion in this country. And on June 26, 2015, in a 5-4 decision of *Obergefell v. Hodges*, five justices pronounced same-sex marriage as the law of the land—countermanning God's holy word, ignoring thousands of years of human history and completely redefining God's original design for marriage.

Both abortion and same-sex marriage have been packaged and sold as civil rights issues which have brought success to their supporters. But they are moral issues for the Christian, which places them in direct conflict with our deeply held sacred beliefs.

Psalm 33:12 wisely proclaims, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD." This was once true of us. But in today's sophisticated culture, God is deliberately banned from our society and believers are increasingly prohibited from openly acknowledging Him or their Christian faith. As in the days of the Judges, with no spiritual direction or moral guidance, everyone does that which is right in his own eyes (Judges 21:25). Such is the fruit of a godless society. — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

☺ *Thank you!* ☺

The church is to be commended for the exemplary way you supported our gospel meeting. The planning, organization and hard work you put into this effort was obvious and helped make the meeting enjoyable and memorable. Particularly impressive was the quantity and quality of the food provided after the sessions. Our ladies rose to the occasion and went beyond the call of duty! Brent & Resa were housed comfortably and fed well. Thanks to those who invited them into their homes and showed them some of the beautiful sites of Maine. We can rejoice in the fact that the body of Christ here is healthy and works together well. To God be the glory!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Ministry Meetings:** Today, after services
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Sunday afternoon at 3:30



### Birthdays



10th - Keith Wells  
14th - Hayden Wells  
21st - Clara Clark  
26th - Nancy Campbell-Jones  
28th - Terry Kennedy

## Happy Anniversary:

Wayne & Jan — October 9th  
Jason & Paula — October 25th

### Visits to Our Web Page

Last 7 days:

3 5 4

Last 30 days:

1 4 7 3



## SNACKS!

October 8: Paula  
October 15: Terry K



### Gospel Meeting Attendance:



10/01/17	Sun	AM	-	32
10/01/17	Sun	PM	-	17
10/02/17	Mon	PM	-	27
10/03/17	Tue	PM	-	27
10/04/17	Wed	PM	-	28

**Average = 26**

Contribution for 10/1/17 — \$577.00

# Order of Worship

October 8, 2017

*"I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding."*

- 1 Corinthians 14:15 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Paul Bullock*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*  
~ Romans 1:18-25; 28-32 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*Jim Miller & Ernie Perry*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"The Fruit of a Godless Society"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Jason Kennedy*

Alternate/fill-in: *George Nick*

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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 8, 2017**

### 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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