



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Clara Clark - dealing with some minor health issues; recently admitted to a nursing home
- Diane Cote - diagnosed with kidney disease
- Randy Cote - (Paul & Diane's son) - struggling with the demands and burdens of life
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: now residing at Greenwood Center in Sanford and doing well; Sandy: recently diagnosed with a fistula; pray for strength & healing for her & Paul
- Janice Grabowski - recovering from a blocked bile duct and doing better; thanks everyone for their prayers during this stressful time
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - pray for the Kittery work
- Jim & Pat Miller - leg & back problems
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer
- George & Caren Nick - ongoing family struggles
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Jerry Prestridge - serving in Afghanistan
- Kathy Rader - prayers for her and her mom
- Robert (Shirley's Dad) - serious heart condition; problems with excessive fluid retention
- Wayne Sampson - corrective surgery for spinal stenosis on Feb 13th was successful and he is now in the process of healing; also suffering from ongoing anxiety attacks
- Terry & Betty Schmidt - grieving the loss of Terry's Dad, Jim, who died of cancer last week; prayers for safe travel as they drive to PA to attend the funeral
- Karlee Wells - various health issues; dealing with PTSD, TBI, severe migraines and chronic pain; also legal issues for health compensation
- Kim Willey - struggling with bi-polar disorder
- Blake Williams - personal & family struggles
- Peter Wolenty - ongoing heart problems
- Please pray for those not with us today

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

Obedying The Gospel

by Ron Boatwright

The word "gospel" literally means good news or good tidings. What does the Bible say that the gospel is? 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 says, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel....by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received; that Christ **died** for our sins according to the scriptures, and that He was **buried**, and that He **rose** again the third day according to the scriptures." Here we see the good news of the gospel is that Christ **died**, and was **buried**, and was **raised** again on the third day. Also notice, we are saved by the gospel.

In 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 we read that, "When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." Here we see that vengeance will be taken on those who do not obey the gospel of Christ. Therefore, the gospel can be obeyed and is to be obeyed if we are to be saved. But how do we obey the **death**, **burial** and **resurrection** of our Lord so that vengeance will not be taken on us?

Romans 6:3-5 says, "Or do you not know, that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His **death**? Therefore we were **buried** with Him through baptism into **death**: that just as Christ was **raised** from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been **planted** together in the likeness of His **death**, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His **resurrection**."

So we see in obeying the gospel we are baptized into His death, we are buried with Him through baptism, and then just as Christ was raised up from the dead, we also are raised to walk in newness of life after baptism. Only after baptism are we born again and our new life in Christ begins. Only in baptism does our old sinful person die and our new person rises free from sin.



Our Deepest Sympathy

*Our sincerest condolences are extended to **Terry & Betty** and family as they mourn the passing of Terry's father, Jim, who succumbed to cancer last Wednesday. They are driving to Pennsylvania for the funeral and will be gone all of next week. May God's steadfast presence and tender compassion provide strength and comfort to these dear ones during this difficult time of grief and loss. †*

"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

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😊 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 before you depart. Have a great week!





Ladies' Corner

Ladies' Ministry Meeting: Today, after pot luck

Biddeford Ladies Day: Saturday, March 18 from 9 am to 2 pm. Speaker: Peggy Coulter. Theme: 'Filled Up and Poured Out'

Nursing Home Visit: Tuesday, March 21st, Kennebunk Nursing Home at 9:30 followed by lunch and fellowship at Perfectos in Kennebunk.

Lakes Region Church of Christ Ladies Day: April 8th from 9:30AM to 1:00PM (lunch is provided). Speaker: Kathy Pollard. Topic: Making the Most of My Time for God" (Psalm 90:12).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Today, after services
- **Men's Ministry Meeting:** Today, after pot luck

Our New Website

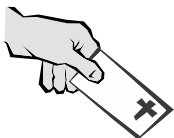
The website is a great tool for visitors who are searching for biblical information or a place to worship. Since we have a new website, it is very important that visitors can find us. In order for visitors to find the website in their search, we are asking each person who can to go on the website so it can be moved up to a higher position in the search engines. The website is:



www.southernmainecofc.com

SNACKS!

March 12: Janice
March 19: Paula



Numbers for 3/5/17

Attendance - 24
Contribution - \$529.

Order of Worship

March 12, 2017

"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

- Jesus — John 4:23-24 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*

Song

The Lord's Supper:
George Nick & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *George Nick*

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

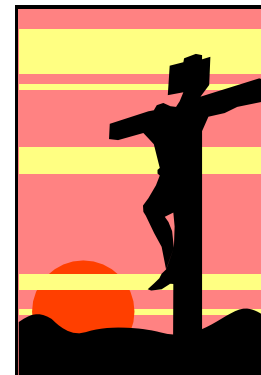
Alternate/fill-in: *Wayne Sampson*

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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 -*

**March 12, 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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