



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 & dealing with many other health issues
- Randy Cote - (Paul & Diane's son) - struggling with the demands and burdens of life
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at Greenwood Center in Sanford; recently diagnosed with a cellulitis infection -on medication; Sandy: now home from Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston where a large tear was found in her colon; surgery for a colostomy is scheduled for April 14th; please pray for strength & healing for her & Paul
- 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 was successful and he is now healing; recently diagnosed with gallstones & fatty liver; treatment pending further tests; also suffering from ongoing anxiety attacks
- 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 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



Looking Good!

On the *outside* . . . but what about the *inside*?

The scribes and Pharisees were learned men who studied the Mosaic Law and the sacred texts of the Old Testament with great care and diligence. Having such access to the Word of God, they [of all people], should have recognized Jesus as the Messiah. But they did not. Instead, they strongly opposed the Lord Jesus during His earthly ministry and refused to acknowledge Him as the Son of God.

These men were the religious leaders of their day and were respected by the masses for their strict adherence to the Law and their perceived spiritual piety. They sat "in Moses' seat" and were the authorized interpreters of God's divine law. Because of this, Jesus said: "Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do" (Matt 23:2-3). "All their works they do to be seen by men" (v. 5).

The words of our Lord underlined above provide a good working definition of hypocrisy: saying one thing, and doing another. These religious leaders looked good and sounded good (Matt 15:8), having mastered the language and mechanics of their religion, but they had totally missed the heart [will] of God. When seen among the people, they were acting in a way they never intended to become. They were putting on a good show for all to see and admire.

While appearing pious and righteous, these men were actually inwardly corrupt and spiritually destitute. Jesus says of them, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like white-washed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness!" (Matt 23:27-28).

We would be wise to take these sobering words of our Lord as a stern warning. The scribes and Pharisees considered themselves to be holy and righteous—acceptable to God and faithful in His service. But Jesus said their heart was far from him and their worship was vain [useless] (Matt 15:8-9). This is a strong indictment. Clearly, even though they appeared devout and pious, their hearts were not in harmony with the will of God. They had missed it! This is a simple and general definition of sin: *missing the mark* [Greek: n: *hamartia*; v: *hamartano*].

The self-righteous scribes and Pharisees had descended into self-deception. And self-deception is perhaps the worst deception of all. May you and I hold fast the sound admonition of our brother James: "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

"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

☺ 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: Sunday, April 2nd, after services

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).

Nursing Home Visit: Tuesday, April 18th, Kennebunk Nursing Home at 9:30 followed by lunch and fellowship at Perfectos in Kennebunk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Men's Ministry Meeting:** Sunday, April 2nd, after services
- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Sunday, April 9th, after services



April Birthdays

2nd - Justin Kennedy



Happy Anniversary:

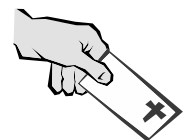
Keith & Karlee — April 20th
Rod & Shirley — April 28th



Our potluck fellowship will be April 9th after services. Please make plans to stay for this special time of food, fun & fellowship! ☺

SNACKS!

April 2: Shirley
April 9: Pat



Numbers for 3/26/17

Attendance - 21
Contribution - \$586.

Order of Worship

April 2, 2017

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water Let us hold fast the confession of our faith without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."

- Hebrews 10:22-23 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Erik Grabowski*
- Mark 7:1-9 -

Song

The Lord's Supper:
George Nick & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"The Disease of the Pharisees"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Terry Schmidt

Alternate/fill-in: *George Nick*

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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 -*

**April 2, 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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