



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- 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 & making the necessary adjustments; dealing with an e-coli infection; Sandy: suffered facial injuries from a recent fall; on a new treatment regimen; prayers for strength & healing
- Hawke's Bay Church of Christ in New Zealand
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - pray for the Kittery work
- Lyric (Jim & Pat's 6 year old grandson) - had emergency appendix surgery w/ complications; prayers for quick & complete healing
- Jim & Pat Miller - suffering with leg & back problems brought on by the cold weather
- 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
- Wayne Sampson - issues with lower back pain; suffering from ongoing anxiety attacks
- Terry Schmidt - suffered facial injuries from a recent fall; pray for quick & complete healing
- Karlee Wells - various health issues; dealing with severe migraines and chronic pain
- Kim Willey - struggling with bi-polar disorder and proper adjustment of meds
- 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

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

Faithful at Being Unfaithful

All through the Old Testament the nation of Israel – God's chosen people – through whom God would bring salvation to all mankind, repeatedly demonstrated their unfaithfulness to their God. This is especially true throughout the time of the Judges, a period of about 300 years (1400-1100 B.C.), where "everyone did what was right in his own eyes" (Jud 21:25). Scripture affirms that "whatever things were written before, were written for our learning" (Rom 15:4). Therefore, many lessons can be learned from a serious study of the inspired Book of Judges.

Throughout the book, Israel repeats a troubling and wearisome cycle of (1) faithful obedience, (2) rebellion & sin, (3) bondage & oppression, (4) penitence & repentance, and (5) deliverance & restoration through a God appointed Judge. Because of their sin and rebellious attitude, Israel had failed to utterly destroy or drive out the Canaanites from the Promised Land (Dt 7:24; Jud 2:1-2). The wicked practices of these ungodly people unduly influenced the Israelites and they were time and again drawn away from their faithfulness to God into the sin and idolatry of their neighbors.

Israel had been consistently faithful to God under the good leadership of Joshua, who died at 110 years of age (Jud 2:7-8). But this was not the case with the next generation. They "did evil in the sight of the Lord" (v. 11), "forsook the Lord God of their fathers" (v. 12), "and served Baal and the Ashtoreths" (v. 13). This "provoked the Lord to anger" (v. 12, 14), so "He delivered them into the hands of plunderers" and "sold them into the hands of their enemies all around" (v. 14), "and they were greatly distressed" (v. 15).

Yet, even in the face of this willful disobedience and deliberate sin, "the Lord was moved to pity (compassion) by their groaning because of those who oppressed and harassed them" and "the Lord raised up judges and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies" (v. 18). This is good news! But their faithful obedience to their gracious God did not last long.

After that judge died, ungrateful Israel "reverted and behaved more corruptly than their fathers, by following other gods, to serve them and bow down to them. They did not cease from their own [evil] doings, nor from their stubborn way" (v. 19). Time after time, the Israelites violated the covenant of Jehovah God.

As Christians, we too are in a covenant relationship with God (Mt 26:28; Heb 5:9; 9:15). And we are to be faithful to Him as we live our lives in this wicked world (1 Cor 15:58; Phil 1:27; Rev 2:10). Israel allowed themselves to be unduly influenced by the godless nations among them, forsook their God and served the false gods of the Canaanites. If we love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength (Mk 12:30), and seek first His kingdom and His righteousness (Mt 6:33), we will not repeat the sad cycle of the unfaithful Israelites revealed in the Book of Judges. — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Paul Cote

Opening Prayer: Erik Grabowski

Scripture Reading: Jason Kennedy

Lord's Supper:

George Nick & Ernie Perry

Announcements/Prayer: Wayne Sampson

Alternate/fill-in: Jim Miller

Lord's Supper Prep: Betty Schmidt

😊 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.



Ladies' Corner

Ladies' Meeting: Sunday, February 5,
after services

Nursing Home Visit — will be Tuesday,
February 21 at the Kennebunk Nursing Home at 9:30
followed by lunch and fellowship at Perfectos in Ken-
nebunk.

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

"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

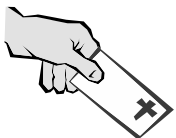
Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; 10:22; Heb 5:9;
Rev 2:10

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Congregational Meeting**: TODAY, after
services
- **Next Men's Ministry Meeting**: Sunday,
February 5, after services
- **Pot Luck Fellowship**: Sunday,
February 12, after services

SNACKS!

January 29: Kim
February 5: Pat



Numbers for 1/22/17

Attendance - 21
Contribution - \$585.

Order of Worship

January 29, 2017

*"I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole
heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works.
I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing
praise to Your name, O Most High."*

— Psalm 9:1-2 —

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Erik Grabowski*
- Judges 2:7-19 -

Song

The Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"A Grim Lesson from Judges"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Nick

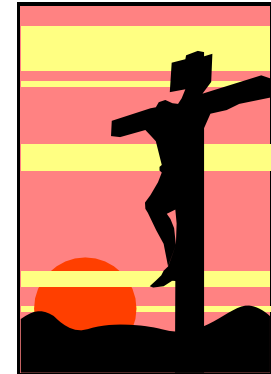
Alternate/fill-in: *Jason Kennedy*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Pat Miller*

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*We love Him, because  
He first loved us.  
- 1 John 4:19 -*

**January 29, 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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