



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 with pain brought on by fibromyalgia
- Erik Grabowski - recovering from nose surgery
- Baron Hicken (Nancy's brother) - fell recently and severely fractured his pelvis; healing slowly
- Hurricane Flood Victims - please pray for those who have lost loved ones and/or all their earthly possessions ; pray for all those involved in rescue and relief efforts
- Joyce (Shirley's sister) - hospitalized with pneumonia & fluid in lungs; underwent successful surgery on 9/8 to drain fluid & remove gel pockets from lungs; prayers are appreciated
- 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; problems with excessive fluid retention
- 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, now deployed to Qatar
- Henry Terrill - suffering with lower back pain
- Karlee Wells - various health issues; dealing with PTSD, TBI, severe migraines and chronic pain; also legal issues for health compensation
- 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 Transformed Life

As disciples of Christ, we are admonished: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Rom 12:2). The word *conformed* means "to fashion alike" – to fashion one's mind and character according to another's pattern. Simply put, we are not to be like those of the world, who follow the world's ways and adhere to its value system.

Rather, we are to be *transformed*. The Greek word here is *metamorphoo*, the root from which we get our English word metamorphosis. It literally means to transfigure or change into another form. *Webster's Dictionary* defines the word this way: "to change in an important and obvious way into something that is very different; to change strikingly the appearance or character of." This is the intensity of the change that is to occur in the Christ-follower!

This change can be likened to the metamorphosis from a caterpillar to a butterfly. Even a casual observer is able to tell the difference between the two, because of their dissimilar appearance. The same should be true of the Christian. Even a casual observer should be able to recognize from the Christian's conduct and manner of life that they are very unlike those of the world (Mt 5:16; 1 Pet 2:11-12).

Also, the butterfly will see things very differently than the caterpillar. Because he no longer crawls along the ground, but flutters and flies through the air, he has a totally different point of view than the caterpillar. The Christian does too. Because he is a new creation in Christ (2 Cor 5:17), he now sees things through spiritual eyes—with a new and different perspective! (1 Cor 2:10-16; 2 Cor 4:16-18).

How is this amazing transformation accomplished? By the renewing of our minds! (Rom 12:2).

When we regularly study the living and powerful word of God (Mt 4:4; Heb 4:12), the word of Christ will dwell in us richly in all wisdom (Col 3:16) and the truth we learn changes us as we are renewed in the spirit of our minds. We "put off" the old man and "put on the new man which was created according to God, in righteousness and true holiness" (Eph 4:20-24).

As the Holy Spirit works through the word of God, "we all, with unveiled face, behold as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, *are being transformed* into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord!" (2 Cor 3:18).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

New Opportunity to Serve

Beginning Sunday, September 24, the Southern Maine church of Christ will be going to the Greenwood Center Nursing Home to conduct a worship service. There will be singing, prayer and a short message from the Bible. The service will be conducted in the cafeteria/activity room at 3:30 pm. All residents and staff will be invited and welcomed to attend. We hope to do this every Sunday at this time. Please come and join us! — Paul A. Bullock

Please pray for a positive response from the residents & staff at Greenwood, and that God will richly bless this effort to minister to these precious souls and (hopefully) bring some of them to Christ! — Terry Schmidt

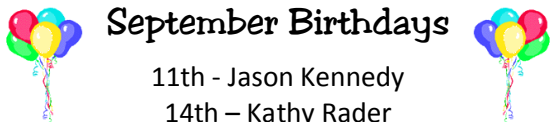
😊 Welcome Visitors! 😊

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. Have a great week!



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Today, after services
- **Gospel Meeting** with Brent Newton: October 1-4



September Birthdays

11th - Jason Kennedy
14th - Kathy Rader
18th - Karlee Wells
28th - Bethany Boucher



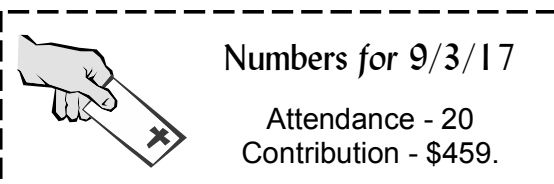
Flyers for our upcoming Gospel Meeting are on the back table. Members are asked to please take a few to post on local bulletin boards. Experience has

shown that it is always best to ask permission before posting a flyer. These flyers are a very effective way to advertise our meeting. Thank you for your help! ☺

BULLETIN ITEMS: Contact Terry Schmidt at 284-9191 or e-mail at tls654b@zwi.net

FAREWELL For those who know **Rene and Barbara Rannou**, there will be a farewell meal at the Kittery church of Christ today, after morning worship until 3:30 pm. For more info, please see the flyer on the back table.

SNACKS! September 10: Shirley
September 17: Diane



Order of Worship

September 10, 2017

"Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing... Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise!"

- Psalm 100:2, 4a -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*
~ Daniel 1:1-21 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Paul Bullock & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Daniel—How to Succeed
Without Compromise"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jim Miller

Alternate/fill-in: *Wayne Sampson*

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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 -*

**September 10, 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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