



## 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 and doing well; Sandy: on a new treatment regimen; prayers for strength & healing for her & Paul
- Janice Grabowski - has a bulging disk in her lower back causing a great deal of pain
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - pray for the Kittery work
- 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; problems with excessive fluid retention
- Wayne Sampson - corrective surgery for spinal stenosis on Feb 13th was successful and he is now recuperating; also suffering from ongoing anxiety attacks
- Jim Schmidt (Terry's Dad) - hospitalized with cancerous brain tumors and a mass found in his lung; began radiation treatments on February 13th; may begin chemo therapy soon; now at a rehab center to regain strength and possibly return to his home
- 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

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

## Fervent in Spirit

As Christians we have work to do. We were created in Christ for good works (Eph. 2:10) and to be zealous for them (Titus 2:14). Romans 12:11 points out two basic attitudes the Christian can have in relation to the work of the Lord. In serving the Lord, one can be either "lagging in diligence" or "fervent in spirit." Of course, if one is going to please the Lord the latter is preferred.

The King James Version translates "lagging in diligence" as "slothful in business." To be slothful is to be lazy or indolent. God's people in the Old Testament were warned against having such an attitude. Amos 6:1 pronounced woe upon those who were "at ease in Zion." Jeremiah 48:10 says, "A curse on him who is lax in doing the Lord's work!" (NIV).

Diligence is required of Christians. They are to give diligence to grow in Christ (2 Pet. 1:5); abound in diligence (2 Cor. 8:7); and be diligent and not become sluggish (Heb. 6:9-12). Diligence is a product of commitment. The Corinthians' commitment to the Lord was demonstrated by doing what needed to be done in reference to the sinner they had in their midst (1 Cor. 5:9-13). 2 Corinthians 7:11 says, "For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication!"

The word translated "fervent in spirit" means to boil with heat, be hot. It is used of boiling anger, love, and zeal for what is good or bad. As used in our text, it means to have a burning zeal (a genuine enthusiasm) to do the will of God. An example of this attitude is Jesus Christ. John 2:17, in speaking of Him, says, "Then His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.'" Apollos is also an example of zeal. Acts 18:24-25 states, "Now a certain Jew named Apollos...being fervent in spirit, spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord ...." Both Jesus and Apollos were successful in accomplishing their God-given tasks.

Fervor and enthusiasm are the keys to success in the Lord's work. The church at Laodicea was chastised because of their lukewarmness (Rev. 3:14-16). Barclay says, "The one man whom the risen Christ could not stand was the man who was neither hot nor cold." He added, "The Christian may burn out, but he should not rust out."

Sadly, though, this spirit is lacking in some who claim to be God's people. These are those who put off, sidestep, maneuver out of, or procrastinate with respect to that which needs to be done in the kingdom of the Lord. It seems impossible to move some "Christians" into action. The fire and enthusiasm of the first century church is missing among them.

Ephesians 6:6 counsels us to be "doing the will of God from the heart." May none of us drag our feet but instead give ourselves enthusiastically to doing the work of the Lord. Such a life of service will grant us the best life here and in the hereafter.

— Gene Taylor ✍

**"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.



## Ladies' Corner

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

Ladies' Ministry Meeting: Sunday, March 5th, after services

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Congregational Meeting**: Sunday, February 26th, after services
- **Men's Ministry Meeting**: Sunday, March 5th, after services
- **Pot Luck Fellowship**: March 12, after services



## POINTS TO PONDER

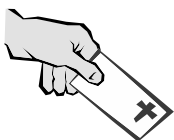
*God is meant to be at the center of our life. As we acknowledge Him and follow His loving commands, He infuses our lives with purpose, meaning, and joy.*

**BULLETIN ITEMS:** If you have a prayer request or an announcement for the bulletin, please contact Terry Schmidt at 284-9191 or e-mail at [tls654b@gwi.net](mailto:tls654b@gwi.net)



## SNACKS!

February 19: Diane  
February 26: Nancy



Numbers for 2/12/17

Attendance - 11  
Contribution - \$355.

## Order of Worship

February 19, 2017

*"Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; let such as love Your salvation say continually, 'The LORD be magnified'."*

— Psalm 40:16 —

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*George Nick & Ernie Perry*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *George Nick*

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Wayne Sampson*

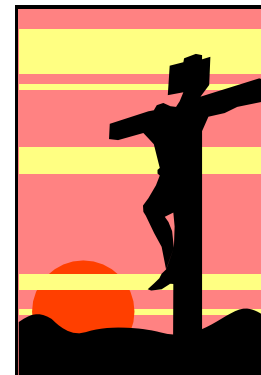
Alternate/fill-in: *Jim Miller*

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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 -*

**February 19, 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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