



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Diane Cote - kidney disease & health concerns
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at Greenwood Center in Sanford & doing well; Sandy: dealing w/ pain brought on by polymyalgia rheumatica
- Hurricane/Flood/Fire/Shooting Victims - please pray for the injured, those who have lost loved ones and/or all their earthly possessions ; pray for those involved in rescue and relief efforts
- Luke (Susana's 6 mo. old great-grandson) - inoperable brain tumor; chemo has shrunk it to less than half the size it was; tumors in lungs have shrunk also but still remain; he will have another few weeks of chemo treatments
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - seeking approval for child foster care leading to adoption; request prayers that God's will be done
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also has diabetes
- Caren Nick - chronic fatigue syndrome
- Chris Nick (George's brother) - stroke victim
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Robert (Shirley's Dad) - serious heart condition
- Wayne Sampson - suffering from lower back pain and ongoing anxiety attacks
- Haydn Wells - suffering from an unknown illness; not pneumonia or pertussis; many doctor visits and tests; he has returned to school, but is still not 100%; prayers needed & appreciated
- Karlee Wells - various health issues; dealing with PTSD, TBI, severe migraines and chronic pain; now travelling to Boston for treatment
- 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

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



## Tepid Torpidity or Lukewarm Complacency

As the One who built the church (Mt 16:18) and purchased it with His own blood (Acts 20:28), Jesus has a genuine concern and personal interest in the well-being of His spiritual body (Eph 1:22-23). In His letters to seven churches recorded in Revelation chapters 2 & 3, the Lord commends two churches, gives commendation *and* censure to three, and severely censures two. The last church receiving very harsh criticism from the Lord was Laodicea (Rev 3:14-22).

The Laodicean church viewed itself as rich, wealthy, and in need of nothing. But the Lord's sobering assessment was quite different. He saw them as "wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked" (v. 17). Because of their personal comfort and self-satisfaction, they had been lulled into a state of apathy and complacency – rendering only mediocre service to the Lord. And the really sad part of this was...they thought they were fine! But they were not fine.

Their uncommitted, lukewarm approach to Christianity nauseated the Lord and made Him want to throw up. Because they were "neither cold nor hot," Jesus said: "I will spew (vomit) you out of My mouth" (v. 15-16). Their lack of passion for the Lord's cause and their half-hearted service actually disgusted the Lord Jesus Christ and made Him sick! We, in our comfortable, well-to-do modern age, need to take note of this and thoughtfully consider the seriousness of the Lord's critical rebuke.

Yet, as bad as the Laodicean church had become, Jesus did not give up on them nor disown them. Rather, He affirms His love for them and gives them opportunity to repent! He says lovingly, but firmly: "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent" (v. 19). The word "zealous" used by Jesus is literally defined as "to burn with zeal" and carries the meaning of having "a zeal for God."

It means to earnestly seek or eagerly desire to do God's will. This is exactly what the Laodiceans were lacking. To be pleasing to God, they would need to repent of their lukewarm indifference and reclaim their spiritual enthusiasm.

Perhaps we, like them, would do well to pray the heartfelt words uttered by a humble and repentant King David: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free (generous) Spirit" (Psalm 51:10-12).

— Terry Schmidt ✍



## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER

*Preaching:* Terry Schmidt

*Song Leader:* Paul Cote

*Opening Prayer:* Jim Miller

*Scripture Reading:* Tony Grant

*Lord's Supper:*

George Nick & Ernie Perry

*Announcements/Prayer:* Wayne Sampson

*Alternate/fill-in:* Paul Bullock/Jason Kennedy

*Lord's Supper Prep:* Terry Kennedy

## 😊 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:

- **Congregational Meeting:** Today, after services
- **Ministry Meetings:** Sunday, December 3rd after services
- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Sunday, December 10th after services
- **Singing at Greenwood Nursing Home:** Sandy has arranged for the Southern Maine church to sing at the nursing home on Sunday, December 17th at 3:00 PM. All are invited!
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30. All are welcome!



### December Birthdays

2nd – Erik Grabowski  
9th – Terry Schmidt  
16th – Brandon Kennedy



## Happy Anniversary:

Terry & Betty — December 6th



### Supper & Sing at Kittery

Join us for a fun night of food, fellowship, and praise for the Lord on Saturday, December 9th. Pot Luck will be from 4:30 to 5:30PM, followed by singing from 5:45 to 7:00PM. Hope to see you there!

## SNACKS!

November 26: Diane  
December 3: Nancy



Numbers for 11/19/17

Attendance - 27  
Contribution - \$512

## Order of Worship

November 26, 2017

*"Blessed are those who keep His testimonies,  
who seek Him with the whole heart! ... I will  
praise You with uprightness of heart, when I  
learn Your righteous judgments."*

- Psalm 119:2, 7 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Tony Grant*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Paul Bullock*  
~ Judges 7:1-7 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"Gideon — Mighty Man of Valor  
& His Valiant Three Hundred"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*George Nick*

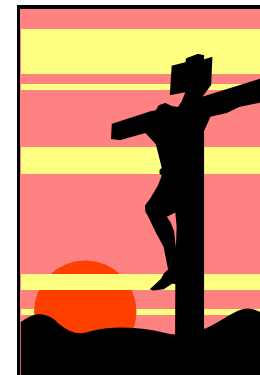
Alternates: *Jason Kennedy/Jim Miller*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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

**November 26, 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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