



## 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 - being scheduled for vascular surgery on Dec 27th to address pain in his hips and lower back; also 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



## In Jesus' Name

A dear Christian lady was recently admonished that she didn't need to say "in Jesus' name" after a prayer. She was told this practice was merely "ritualistic"—that it held no meaning and served no real purpose. After being told this, the sister was understandably frustrated and confused. As always, we appeal to the authority of the holy scriptures for answers to these questions (Acts 17:11; 2 Tim 3:16-17).

Jesus himself said, "Whatever you ask **in My name**, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything **in My name**, I will do it" (John 14:13-14 — see also John 16:23-24). This is certainly **NOT** a ritualistic practice. It is obeying and complying with the will of the Lord.

The reason we pray in Jesus' name is that Jesus is our Mediator. "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (1 Tim 2:5-6). We have access to God only through Jesus (John 14:6), our Mediator and High Priest (Heb 2:17; 3:1; 4:14-16).

Praying in Jesus' name can be understood as praying by His authority. When a policeman says, "Stop in the name of the law," he is in essence saying, "Stop by the authority of the law." We approach God's throne of grace only "**in His name**"—through the authority of Jesus Christ His only begotten Son (Eph 3:12).

Before His death on the cross, the Lord himself instructed His disciples to pray **in His name**. In doing this, He established a biblical pattern for prayer under the New Covenant. Under the New Testament of Jesus Christ, we are instructed to pray **in** the Spirit (Rom 8:26; Eph 6:18), **through** the Son [in His name], **to** the Father.

— 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

*"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." — Acts 4:12*

"You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Tim. 2:3). Serving Christ requires faithfulness and perseverance. We may encounter obstacles of poor health, troubled relationships, or difficult circumstances. But as a good soldier we press on—by God's strength—because we serve the King of Kings and Lord of Lords who sacrificed Himself for us! (Rom 5:6-8; 2 Cor 5:21).



## Visits to Our Web Page

Last 7 days: 

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Last 30 days: 

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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. Have a great week!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Ministry Meetings:** Today 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!

December 3: Nancy  
December 10: Sandy



Numbers for 11/26/17

Attendance - 20  
Contribution - \$593

## Order of Worship

December 3, 2017

*"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear."*

- Hebrews 12:28 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Tony Grant*

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*Paul Bullock & Ernie Perry*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *George Nick*

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Wayne Sampson*

Alternates: *Paul Bullock/Jason Kennedy*

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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 -*

**December 3, 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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