



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Diane Cote - diagnosed with kidney disease & dealing with many other health issues
- Randy Cote - struggling with burdens of life
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at Greenwood Center in Sanford & doing well; Sandy: now back at Northeast Rehab in Portsmouth, NH and doing well; she is scheduled for a follow-up in Boston with her surgeon on Thurs, May 25 to evaluate her progress and determine future treatment; thanks to all for your cards, calls, visits and continued prayers!
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - pray for the Kittery work
- Brandon Kennedy - broke his foot at baseball on May 8th; now wearing a boot as it heals
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also has diabetes
- 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 ongoing anxiety attacks
- Mark Schmidt (Terry & Betty's son) - serving in the USAF, now deployed to Qatar
- Henry & Karolyn Terrill - mourning the death of Karolyn's sister, Glenda Sealy, who died on May 11; her husband Frank had passed on April 10.
- Karlee Wells - various health issues; dealing with PTSD, TBI, severe migraines and chronic pain; also legal issues for health compensation
- 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
- Please pray for those not with us today

*"The prayer of the upright is His delight...He hears the prayer of the righteous" (Prov 15:8 & 29)*

## If Every Member Were Just Like Me

By R. W. McAlister

All of us certainly want the best congregation of the Lord's church possible. That being the case, we need to understand that the betterment of the congregation begins with...ME. Ask yourself these questions:

If every member of this congregation were like me, what would our attendance be? Hebrews 10:25 commands that we 'not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is,' so if every member were like me, how full would the pews be on Sunday or Wednesday or for a Gospel Meeting? Would I let any excuse – fatigue, mild headache, slight offenses, visiting family, civic meeting, rainy weather – keep me from assembling with the saints? Or would I have the attitude of David, who said, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD?" (Psalm 122:1).

If every member of this church were just like me, what would our contribution be? Would our treasury be overflowing, or would we be barely getting by financially? In 1 Corinthians 16:2, the Bible says, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him..." All that God expects of any of us is that we give back to Him in accordance with how much He has given us. The least God ever accepted was 10% (Numbers 18:21-26), and the most was 100% (Luke 21:4). We can surely find a happy medium somewhere in between.

If every member of the congregation were like me, what would its influence be? Would the church have the influence of salt? In Matthew 5:13, Jesus says, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted?" Salt acts like a preservative and prevents spoilage. If the followers of Christ fail to preserve and spread the Gospel as the salt of the earth, then we will have failed in fulfilling the Great Commission of Christ! (Matt 28:18-20).

If every member were just like me, what would our spiritual strength be? Ephesians 6:10 says to "be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might." Can we honestly say that we're strong in the Lord? Do we blame Him for our trials and troubles? In James 1:13, James writes by inspiration, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man." In plain English, "Don't blame God when you're tempted! Rather, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb 4:16).

If every member were just like me, what would the growth of the church be like? Acts 2:47 tells us that the Lord added to the church daily those that were being saved. This happened after Peter preached the first gospel sermon. If every member were just like me, would there be additions today because of some part I played in teaching someone or inviting them to the services of the church?

What if every member were just like me? What kind of church would this be? Let us give it some serious thought!

## ~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

### Northeastern States Men's Retreat

*"How Can We Keep Our Youth?"*


Kent School, Route 341, Kent, CT

June 16 & 17

## ☺ 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!







**Ladies' Corner**  
Ladies' Ministry Meeting: Sunday,  
 May 21st, after services  
Nursing Home Visit: Wednesday,  
 June 21st, Kennebunk Nursing Home  
 at 9:30 followed by lunch and fellowship at *Perfectos* in  
 Kennebunk.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

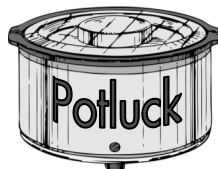

- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Today, after services
- **Men's Ministry Meeting:** Today, after pot luck



**May Birthdays**  
 23rd - Hunter Wells  
 30th - Paul Cote

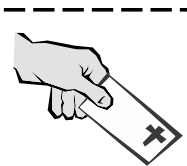


Today after services.  
 There's plenty for all.  
 Please stay for this  
 special time of food,  
 fun and fellowship!

**POINTS TO PONDER**  
*When people are hurting, we may not  
 be able to solve their problems or  
 change their circumstances, but we  
 can show them the love of God.*  
 ("By love serve one another." - Galatians 5:13)

**SNACKS!** May 21: Janice  
 May 28: Paula



Numbers for 5/14/17  
 Attendance - 22  
 Contribution - \$445.

## Order of Worship May 21, 2017

*"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto  
 his name; worship the LORD in  
 the beauty of holiness."*

- Psalm 29:2 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

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: *Erik Grabowski*

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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 -

**May 21, 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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