



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 & making the necessary adjustments; dealing with an e-coli infection; Sandy: now home on a new treatment regimen; prayers for strength & healing
- Hawke's Bay Church of Christ in New Zealand
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - pray for the Kittery work
- Lyric (Jim & Pat's 6 year old grandson) - had emergency appendix surgery w/ complications; prayers for quick & complete healing
- Jim & Pat Miller - suffering with leg & back problems brought on by the cold weather
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer
- Nancy Campbell-Jones - suffering with a C-Diff infection contracted on her recent NC visit
- 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
- Wayne Sampson - issues with lower back pain; suffering from ongoing anxiety attacks
- Karlee Wells - various health issues; dealing with severe migraines and chronic pain
- Kim Willey - struggling with bi-polar disorder and proper adjustment of meds
- 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

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



Personal Prayer Time

Simply and generally defined, prayer is communication with God. Prayer is also a spiritual discipline (hard work! — Col 4:12).

And prayer is worship too. Personal prayer time is a period of deep and meaningful spiritual communion with our heavenly Father. In prayer our eternal souls connect, in a very direct and intimate way, with the One who created us in His image (Gen 1:26-27). For these and many other reasons, disciples of Christ should place a high priority on time spent with God in prayer. But do we?

During His earthly ministry, Jesus showed us time and time again the necessity of prayer and the value He placed on personal prayer time with His heavenly Father. "Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed into a solitary place; and there He prayed" (Mk 1:35). "So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed" (Lk 5:16). "Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God" (Lk 6:12).

If Jesus, who was God in the flesh (Mt 1:23; Jn 1:1-3, 14), found it necessary to set aside regular periods of time to engage in meaningful prayer with His heavenly Father, how much more should we who are mere mortals—weak and frail human beings made of dust? (Gen 2:7; Ps 103:14). The answer is more than obvious.

The Scriptures admonish us to "watch (maintain your spiritual vigilance) and pray, lest you enter into temptation" (Mt 26:41), "in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil 4:6), "continue earnestly in prayer" (Col 4:2), and "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess 5:17). May this be our faithful practice throughout 2017 and beyond! "Trust in Him at all times you people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us" (Psalm 62:8).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

~ Living Sacrifices ~

God does not usually require that we die for Him; but rather, that we live for Him — "to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice" (Rom 12:1). In the Old Testament two kinds of sacrifices were offered: propitiatory and dedicatory. Propitiatory or atoning sacrifices were mandatory sacrifices to atone for sin and to restore fellowship with God. Jesus, the Lamb of God (Jn 1:29), is the perfect and final propitiatory sacrifice (1 Jn 2:2). Paul emphasizes that "Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Cor. 5:7). Dedicatory sacrifices were thank offerings voluntarily offered to God to express gratitude, love, and joyful worship in response to divine blessing or His mercy and grace (Lev. 7:11-15; 22:29; Ps. 50:14, 23; 107:22). We can never offer ourselves as atoning sacrifices (no human can) because only "Jesus, the Lamb of God, [can take] away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). But, under the New Covenant, we have the privilege of being a "thank offering" — "living sacrifices," proving [demonstrating] what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God (Rom 12:1-2).

"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

Ladies' Meeting: Sunday, February 5, after services

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.

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



January Birthdays

26th - Susana Kazel



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Congregational Meeting: Sunday, January 29, after services
- Next Men's Ministry Meeting: Sunday, February 5, after services
- Pot Luck Fellowship: Sunday, February 12, after services



POINTS TO PONDER

Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay your vows unto the Most High: And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

- Psalm 50:14-15 -



January 22: Betty
January 29: Kim

Numbers for 1/15/17

Attendance - 17
Contribution - \$434.

Order of Worship

January 22, 2017

"I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High."

— Psalm 9:1-2 —

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Erik Grabowski*
- Luke 18:1-8 -

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"The Dynamics of Prayer"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Nick

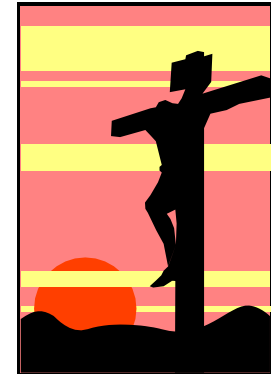
Alternate/fill-in: *Jason Kennedy*

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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 -

January 22, 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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