



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

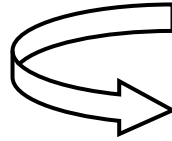
- James 5:16 -

- 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: the Apr 14th colostomy surgery resulted in a severe abdominal infection which necessitated emergency surgery on 4/20; also suffering from cellulitis in her facial area, along with pain and swelling from blood clot fragments in her legs; still not allowed to eat while colostomy surgery heals; please pray for strength & healing for both her & Paul
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - pray for the Kittery work
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Robert (Shirley's Dad) - serious heart condition; problems with excessive fluid retention
- Wayne Sampson - currently at SMHC recovering from pneumonia; 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
- 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 for those not with us today



POINTS TO PONDER

Sometimes life can get clouded over by the heavy fog of despair. Faith is the radar that sees through the fog.



Repentance

When those gathered on the Day of Pentecost nearly 2000 years ago heard the Apostle Peter preach, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ," they were "cut to the heart." Being convicted of their sin, they asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Peter's response was clear and direct: "*Repent*, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." (Acts 2:36-38).

The words *repent* and *repentance* have pretty much fallen into disuse in today's society. But the concept of repentance is of extreme importance when it comes to one's salvation. Jesus said, "'Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish' (Luke 13:3, 5). The overall importance of repentance is further stressed in Acts 17:30 where the inspired writer affirms: "But now [God] commands all men everywhere to repent." These two verses reveal that, in God's plan of salvation, repentance is an essential element. In other words, if one desires to obtain salvation found in Jesus Christ, repentance is not optional.

The Greek words translated repent and repentance are defined as: to think differently [with regard to sin] (*Strong*); to change one's mind [and purpose] (*Thayer*); to turn from evil, and to turn to the good; (*Baker*). *Easton's Bible Dictionary* reads:

"Repentance consists of (1) a true sense of one's own guilt and sinfulness; (2) an apprehension of God's mercy in Christ; (3) an actual hatred of sin and turning from it to God; and (4) a persistent endeavor after a holy life in a walking with God in the way of his commandments."

"For godly sorrow produces repentance to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death" (2 Corinthians 7:10). Sorrow for sin serves in leading one to repentance, but genuine repentance involves more than merely being sorry.

In Acts 26:20, the Apostle Paul provides us with an excellent working definition of repentance: "I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds" (NIV-1984). To repent then, is to make a conscious, deliberate decision to turn *from* sin, *to* God, and to confirm this decision by one's actions, through a changed behavior.

While modern man is often oblivious to the concept and fails to give it adequate thought, mankind's repentance is of immense importance and great interest to Almighty God. Scripture reminds us that God's kindness leads one toward repentance (Romans 1:4), and that our Lord's patience means salvation (2 Peter 3:15). "He is patient (longsuffering) with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9 NIV-1984). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

New England Lectureship

"Let's Practice Love"

Holiday Inn—Taunton, MA

May 5th—7th

www.newenglandlectureship.org

Manchester Men's Day

"Take Courage, Do Not Fear"

Manchester Church of Christ

Saturday, May 6th — 8:30 AM -2:30 PM

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR MAY

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Paul Cote

Opening Prayer: Jim Miller

Scripture Reading: Jason Kennedy

Lord's Supper:

George Nick & Ernie Perry

Announcements/Prayer: Wayne Sampson

Alternate/fill-in: Erik Grabowski

Lord's Supper Prep: Pat Miller



Ladies' Corner

Ladies' Ministry Meeting: Sunday, May 7th, after services

Augusta Ladies' Day: Saturday, May 13th from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM. RSVP at pwood1756@aol.com or call Paula at 549-6046.

Nursing Home Visit: Tuesday, May 16th, Kennebunk Nursing Home at 9:30 followed by lunch and fellowship at *Perfectos* in Kennebunk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Congregational Meeting: Today, after services
- Men's Ministry Meeting: Sunday, May 7th, after services



April Birthdays

3rd - Paula Kennedy
9th - Jim Miller
12th - Tony Grant
15th - Anthony Williams
16th - Betty Schmidt
23rd - Hunter Wells
30th - Paul Cote

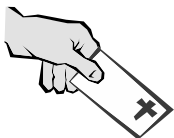


Happy Anniversary:

Seth & Kim — May 7th
Bob & Susana — May 17th

SNACKS!

April 30: Jan
May 7: Diane



Numbers for 4/23/17

Attendance - 20
Contribution - \$748.

Order of Worship

April 30, 2017

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water Let us hold fast the confession of our faith without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."

- Hebrews 10:22-23 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Erik Grabowski*
~ Judges 3:12-30 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Enterprising Ehud"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Terry Schmidt

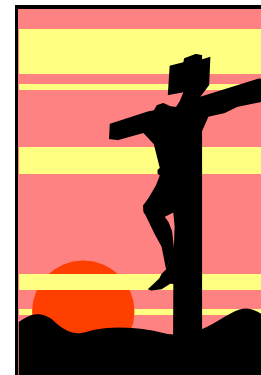
Alternate/fill-in: *George Nick*

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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 -*

**April 30, 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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