



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
- 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

"The prayer of the upright is His delight...He hears the prayer of the righteous" - Proverbs 15:8 & 29

Will a Man Rob God?

The book of Malachi was written over 400 years before our Lord came to this earth. Malachi uses what some have called the "Didactic Dialectic" method of teaching. This method of teaching can be divided into three parts: 1) An assertion or charge is made, 2) the writer gives the presumed objection to the charge, and 3) the objection is soundly refuted.

Among the sins cited in this book, we find corrupt priests, infidelity and rampant divorce. The first sin mentioned is the offering of defiled sacrifices to God (Mal. 1:6-11). The people were offering sick, lame and blind animals on God's altar. Malachi chides the people by urging them to offer this type of sacrifice to their governor. God equated their offering with a lack of reverence for Him and accused them of despising His name (Mal. 1:6).

Malachi brings this topic up again in the third chapter. He asks, "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, In what way have we robbed You? In tithes and offerings" (3:8).

When Christians assemble on the Lord's Day for Scriptural purposes, I wonder if they are repeating the sin of Israel by "robbing God." Christians are commanded to give of their means on the first day of the week. Paul told the saints at Corinth: "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come." (1 Cor. 16:1-2).

How much should I give back to the Lord on the Lord's day? How much does God expect from me? I believe if we develop the proper attitude towards giving, the amount will take care of itself.

The first century brethren in Macedonia lived in poverty. Yet, somehow these brethren could send a "gift" to the saints in Judea. Paul explains in 2 Corinthians 8:5, "And this they did, not as we had hoped, but first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God."

It was no problem for these Christians to give what they could, for they had already "given themselves to the Lord."

When a man realizes that every good thing he possess comes from God, he will give generously, not out of obligation. Paul also exhorted these brethren to "prepare your bountiful gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation. But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:5-7).

Brethren, there is a part of your income that does not belong to you -- it belongs to the Lord. Will a man rob God? There will be a day of accounting. "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap" (Gal. 6:7). — *David Padfield*

"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

☺ **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

Nursing Home Visit — will be Tuesday, January 17 at the Kennebunk Nursing Home at 9:30 followed by lunch and fellowship at Perfectos in Kennebunk.

Ladies' Meeting: Sunday, February 5, after services

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



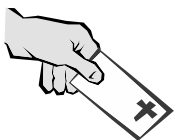
POINTS TO PONDER

The value of a man resides in what he gives and not in what he is capable of receiving.

No person was ever honored for what he received. He was honored for what he gave.

SNACKS!

January 15: Jan
January 22: Betty



Numbers for 1/8/17

Attendance - 22
Contribution - \$577.

Order of Worship

January 15, 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*

Song

The Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *George Nick*

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Nick

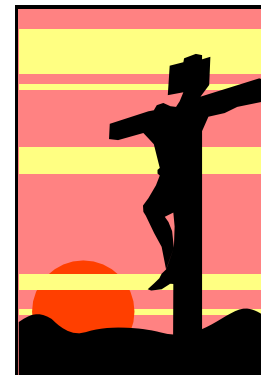
Alternate/fill-in: *Jason Kennedy*

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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 15, 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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