



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Clara Clark - dealing with some minor health issues; recently moved into a nursing home and is doing well there; thanks for your prayers!
- 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 April 14th colostomy surgery resulted in a severe abdominal infection which necessitated emergency surgery last Thursday (4/20); she is now recovering & is on strong antibiotics; 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 - 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
- Terrill's & Rebecca Hios - mourning the death of Carolyn's brother-in-law, Frank Sealy, who passed away April 10th at age 92
- 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 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)

It's Terrible to Grow Old

by *Gene Taylor*

Did the title of this page get your attention? I hope so. That is why I put it there. I want everyone, especially the young, to read this article because the sentiment expressed above is what our society in general thinks.

One of the greatest horrors in our society is to grow old. In our youth-oriented culture it is embarrassing, if not downright shameful, to be old. Such an emphasis on youth causes people to spend millions of dollars to retain their youthful appearance. They buy into such philosophies as "You're only as old as you feel," hoping that by engaging in youthful activities others will think they are young. Corporations, with no compassion for the individual, no sense of loyalty for years of dedicated service, and no appreciation for experience, lay off older workers and replace them with younger ones who will cost them a lot less.

I am saddened when I see this attitude in the world. I am horrified when I see it in the church in some places. Sometimes, instead of being utilized for their knowledge and experience, those who are older are looked upon as being out of date and not useful to the Lord's work. Sometimes preachers, as they age, find it difficult to locate with a congregation because the people want someone who is youthful and "can relate to the young people."

How different this attitude is from what God would have it to be. Psalm 92:12-15 states, "The righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree: He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of Jehovah; They shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; They shall be full of sap and green: To show that Jehovah is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him."

God, in His wisdom, knew that age was necessary to be that full, mature individual who could properly serve as an overseer in the local church. 1 Timothy 3:6 states that one who would serve in that capacity must be "not a novice."

Titus 1:6 says he must be old enough to have "believing children." Also, one designation of his office is "elder" (Phil. 1:1), implying age. God has also seen the usefulness of "older women" – they are to instruct the younger women (Titus 2:3-5).

The Lord realized that age was needed for one to be wise enough to effectively lead His people. Wisdom, based on knowledge and experience, is a vital asset for good leadership. While those who are young may possess great knowledge, they do not have sufficient experience to make them wise.

One of the greatest resources our country and the church have is older people. They are useful and necessary and ought to be appreciated. May we always show them proper respect. May we utilize them for their wisdom. And may they have the same sentiment expressed by the Psalmist in Psalm 71:18: "Yea, even when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not, Until I have declared thy strength unto the next generation, Thy might to everyone that is to come."

~ 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

Note: Our brother Nate Hios will be one of the featured speakers.

☺ Welcome Visitors! ☺

We are glad to have you worship with us today. 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

Nursing Home Visit: Tuesday, April 25th, Kennebunk Nursing Home at 9:30 followed by lunch and fellowship at

Perfectos in Kennebunk.

"Pot" Party: at Terry Kennedy's on April 29th at 1:00 PM. We will be decorating the terra-cotta pots we plan to give to our visitors ☺.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Congregational Meeting: Sunday, April 30th, after services
- Men's Ministry Meeting: Sunday, May 7th, after services

Happy Anniversary:

Rod & Shirley — April 28th

Jim & Pat — April 28th

POINTS TO PONDER

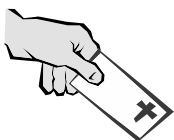
"God may conceal the purpose of His ways, but His ways are not without purpose."

(See: Ephesians 1:11-14)

SNACKS!

April 23: Betty

April 30: Jan



Numbers for 4/16/17

Attendance - 22

Contribution - \$537.

Order of Worship

April 23, 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*

Song

The Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *George Nick*

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 23, 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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