

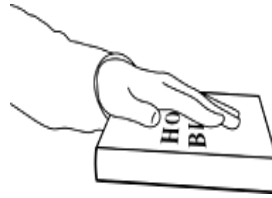


Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Paul Bineau (Diane's 95 year old father) - can no longer walk
- Raymond Bineau (Diane's brother) - suffered a heart attack and has COPD; unable to walk
- Suzanne Bineau (Diane's cousin) - stage 3 ovarian cancer; prayers are appreciated
- Diane Cote - kidney disease; health concerns
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at Greenwood Center in Sanford & doing well; Sandy: various health concerns; dealing with chronic pain brought on by polymyalgia rheumatica
- Pat Glass (Terry K's sister-in-law) - diagnosed with a fatty Liver and needs a liver transplant
- Erik Grabowski - Still experiencing chronic neck pain; cortisone shots did not work
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - have decided to try again with another foster child placement in August; prayers needed & appreciated
- Paula Kennedy - recovering from a recent appendectomy; prayers for complete healing
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also has diabetes
- Ariana Nick - serious medical issues - age 16
- Caren Nick - chronic fatigue syndrome
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy (Paula's sister's 54 year old husband) - rapid weight loss, muscle mass reduction and overall deteriorating health; going to Mass General soon for further testing and another opinion; please pray for the family and for a definitive diagnosis & healing
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks
- Karlee Wells - various health issues; dealing with PTSD, TBI, migraines and chronic pain
- Please pray for those not with us today
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place



Probity

Probity is not a word we hear much in general conversation anymore.

Not only has the word itself fallen into disuse in our everyday language, but its meaning and what it stands for has been all but lost in our post-modern society (*postmodernism affirms that neither objective truth nor objective moral values exist, and that logic and reason are not universally valid*). Probity is defined as "complete and confirmed integrity; having strong moral principles; the quality or state of being morally sound" (*American Heritage Dictionary*). It includes "adherence to the highest principles and ideals" (*Merriam-Webster Dictionary*). Probity is synonymous with uprightness, honesty and integrity. It involves personal decency, respect for others, moral excellence and a firm adherence to virtuous values.

This one word accurately describes what our Father desires in the Christian's character. And God's inspired word is the objective standard which provides a solid foundation for our moral character and ethical conduct. Probity has to do with how we act before others (Mt 5:16; 1 Pet 2:12), as well as how we conduct ourselves when no one else is around (Ps 139:1-12; Pro 15:3; 1 Chron 28:9). Respect and reverence for the Almighty, along with a strong conscience toward God, helps to govern one's behavior whether alone or among others. And probity has much to do with how we respect and treat others also (Mt 5:43-48; 7:12; Phil 2:3-4; Col 3:9-14).

Upon reading this, probity may seem to be out-of-reach and unattainable. But, while we must be actively involved in the process, our heavenly Father does not leave us to reach these high and noble ideals on our own. As we gain more knowledge of His will for our lives (Eph 5:17; 2 Tim 2:15; 2 Pet 3:18), and consistently yield to His will—surrendering our wills to His will in loving obedience (Mk 14:36; Gal 2:20; 5:24-25; *cont*→

Eph 5:20-21; Phil 2:3-8), God works to transform us into the likeness of Christ through the power of His word by the renewing of our minds (Rom 12:1-2) and conform us to the image of His Son through the power of the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:11-14, 29; Eph 3:16-19).

As we mature in the faith and grow in Christ, we are all, with God's help and by His strength, "works in progress." "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Cor 3:18). While we never want to be guilty of indolence or complacency, we also need to be patient with ourselves as God works in our lives to bring about this divine transformation.

— Terry Schmidt ✍



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR AUGUST

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Paul Cote

Opening Prayer: George Cuvellier

Scripture Reading: Wayne Sampson

Lord's Supper:

George Nick & Ernie Perry

Announcements/Prayer: Jason Kennedy

Alternate/fill-in: Paul Bullock, Jim Miller

Lord's Supper Prep: Terry Kennedy

~ Congregational Cookout ~

Our August potluck on **Sunday, August 12th** will be a BBQ at Jason and Paula's in Sanford. They will be supplying the burgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments. We are asked to bring drinks, desserts and/or salads.
Hope to see you there!



Ladies' Corner

Ladies Dinner Out: will be Friday, August 3 at *Great Wall Buffet* in South Portland. We will meet at 4:30 pm.

Gospel Meeting: The sign up sheets for 'after snacks' during our gospel meeting are on the back table.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Gospel Meeting with Brent Newton:**
"Loving the Church Jesus Built"
September 23-26 (Sunday through Wednesday)
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:**
Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM.
All are welcome! ☺



Birthdays



7/29 – Shirley Boucher
8/9 - Kimberly Willey
8/14 – Wayne Sampson
8/21 - Paul Bullock
8/22 - Ernie Perry

Happy Anniversary:

Paul & Diane - August 3rd

SNACKS!

July 22: Jan
July 29: Betty



Numbers for 7/22/18

Attendance - 18
Contribution - \$483

Order of Worship

July 29, 2018

"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
and His greatness is unsearchable. . . The
LORD is righteous in all His ways, gracious
in all His works. The LORD is near to all
who call upon Him, to all who call
upon Him in truth."

- Psalm 145:3, 17-18 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Paul Bullock*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*

~ Psalm 15 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:

Jim Miller & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"Conditions for Communion with God"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

Wayne Sampson

Alternate/fill-in: *George Nick*

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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 -*

## July 29, 2018

## 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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