



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Diane Cote - broke her right shoulder during a bad fall; also has kidney disease & other health concerns
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at Greenwood Center in Sanford & doing well; Sandy: dealing w/ pain brought on by polymyalgia rheumatica
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - seeking approval for child foster care leading to adoption; request prayers that God's will be done
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also has diabetes
- Caren Nick - chronic fatigue syndrome
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Robert (Shirley's Dad) - serious heart condition
- Wayne Sampson - had successful vascular surgery on Dec 27th to address pain in his hips and lower back; now healing; also experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks
- Vicki Walker (sister in Christ) - at Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, AL with pancreatic cancer; prayers requested for her, her family and her brothers and sisters in Christ
- Karlee Wells - various health issues; dealing with PTSD, TBI, severe migraines and chronic pain; now travelling to Boston for treatment
- Peter Wolenty - ongoing heart problems
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God. — Ephesians 3:14-19



Pressing on Toward the Goal

Well...here we are in the year of our Lord 2018. Our gracious God has blessed us with the opportunity to see another year. But we need to remember that we are here for a reason. We have work to do – God's work (Eph 2:10). "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor 15:58).

As we begin another year in God's service, one of the best pieces of biblical counsel we can adopt and embrace was penned by the inspired apostle Paul:

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead. I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Phil 3:12-14).

Like God's faithful servant Paul, we need to keep our eyes firmly fixed on the purpose and objective of our brief sojourn here and press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call. Maintaining our focus on the goal provides great motivation as we run the Christian race. Let us then "lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith" (Heb 12:1-2).

That's the key to winning the Christian race: looking unto Jesus! He is the one whose example we are to follow. He is the one who will strengthen us and enable us to submit, sacrifice, struggle and even suffer in order to win the race and receive the prize (Rom 8:18).

But we must discipline ourselves as well and run in such a way as to reach the goal and win the prize (1 Cor 9:24-27).

And what is the goal? The prize? Those who have kept the faith, fought the good fight, and finished the race are promised a crown of righteousness (2 Tim 4:6-8), "receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls!" (1 Pet 1:9).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

"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

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." — Acts 4:12



POINTS TO PONDER

We become what we behold.

(see 2 Corinthians 3:18)

😊 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!



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

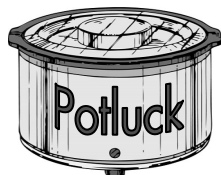
- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Today after services
- **Ministry Meetings:** Today after potluck fellowship
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30. All are welcome!



January Birthdays

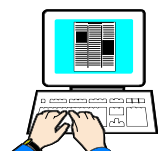


26th - Susana Kazel



Today after services.
There's plenty for all.
Please stay for this
special time of food,
fun and fellowship!

"We cannot truly love one another without loving God. And we cannot truly love God without loving one another." ☺



Visits to Our Web Page

Last 7 days: 230

Last 30 days: 1290

SNACKS!

January 14: Kim
January 21: Pat



Numbers for 1/7/18

Attendance - 21
Contribution - \$393

Order of Worship

January 14, 2018

*"God is greatly to be feared in the assembly
of the saints, and to be held in reverence
by all those who are around Him."*

- Psalm 89:7 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *George Nick*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*

~ Psalm 32:1-6 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Tony Grant & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Encouragement for the New Year"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Paul Bullock

Alternates: *Wayne Sampson/Jim Miller*

~~~~~

Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

## Southern Maine Church of Christ

159 Alfred Road, P.O. Box 344  
West Kennebunk, ME 04094



*We love Him, because  
He first loved us.  
- 1 John 4:19 -*

### January 14, 2018

### Sunday Assembly Times:

9:30 am — Bible Class  
10:30 am — Worship  
6:00 — Bible Study

### Wednesday Assembly:

7:00 — Bible Study

Phone: 207-229-4174

Email: [tls654b@twc.com](mailto:tls654b@twc.com)

Website: [www.southernmainecofc.com](http://www.southernmainecofc.com)