



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Suezanne Bineau (Diane's cousin) - diagnosed with stage 3 ovarian cancer; scheduled for surgery this month; prayers are appreciated
- Diane Cote - broke her right shoulder during a bad fall; healing, but still painful; also has kidney disease & other health concerns
- Florida High School Shooting: please pray for the families & friends of the 17 souls who were killed by a lone gunman at the Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland; also pray for those who are still fighting for their lives, along with their families
- Paul & Sandy Gagnon - Paul: at Greenwood Center in Sanford & doing well; Sandy: dealing with pain brought on by polymyalgia rheumatica
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - approval getting closer for child foster care leading to adoption; thanks to all for your continued prayers
- David Murphy (Sandy's brother) - inoperable prostate cancer; also has diabetes
- Caren Nick - chronic fatigue syndrome
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks
- 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

*"The prayer of the upright is His delight . . .  
He hears the prayer of the righteous."*

~ Proverbs 15:8, 29 ~



## Polish

by Jim Miller

Picture if you will and old woman standing in her living room with a bottle of furniture polish. The furniture is as old or maybe older than she is and over the years there has developed a thick coating that protects the wood from any real damage. In walks her young granddaughter and says "Grandma why don't you use the new improved cleaners we have today? You have used that same old stuff for years and look how it is built up on your table. The new improved cleaners out today will take all that off and make your furniture look almost new, Grandma." The old woman says to her young granddaughter, "Sit down and I will explain it to you."

"Years ago when I first got this old table I was told that if I kept it dusted and cared for that one day it would have true character and be a lovely piece of furniture for years to come. I was given a bottle of this polish you see here and I have used it ever since. Over the years by using this I have protected the table from spills and damage and though there have been a few nicks here and there just look how much character it has now. Under all this build up as you call it remains the natural wood just as it was when it was made. This polish has protected the table all these years so that I and others can still use it and look at it as a beautiful piece of old furniture."

The granddaughter looks at the old woman and says, "Wouldn't it be nice if we could do that with people?" Grandma, not missing a beat, says "Young one we do, it is called the blood of Christ. Long ago Jesus died on the cross and shed His blood for us so that we too could be saved just like this old table here. You see with each coat of polish I have protected this table and Jesus protects us and keeps us saved by polishing us every time we open our Bibles and learn and apply the things he has instructed us to do. When you go down in the water of baptism and come up all clean of your sins, you are as bright as a new

penny, all clean. Then you must keep polished over and over till you have character too. As long as you stay away from all those new and improved things that take away the true character of a Christian then you, like this old table, will be saved. Over the years you will be protected by all the build up and one day you will be given a new and improved look according to what the Lord wants. Until that day you just keep yourself polished through the years as I have this old table and you too will have great and Godly character."

Folks, we should all be looking to polish our lives with the word of God on a daily basis. We do not need the new and improved anything. Let us stay in the unchanging word of God and take on character and polish to protect our souls. Let us also teach others that the old and reliable and true things build their character also and will keep them saved.

**"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; 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*

😊 **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:

- **Congregational Meeting:** Next Sunday, February 25th, after services
- **Sing, Supper, Social:** Saturday, March 3rd, 5:00-9:00 here at the building (*See flyer on back table*)
- **Ministry Meetings:** Sunday, March 4th, after services
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM. All are welcome!



### *Ladies' Corner*

Biddeford Ladies Day: "A Look in the Tool Box." March 24th beginning at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be served. Call 207-286-4821 for more info.

Conway Ladies Weekend: "Oh Church, Arise!" April 6th-8th. Call 603-447-8855 for more info.

- See flyers on back table -

### Visits to Our Web Page

Last 7 days:

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Last 30 days:


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When it comes to sin, small compromises can lead to devastating defeats. "Neither give place to the devil" — Ephesians 4:27

## SNACKS!

February 18: Sandy  
February 25: Paula



### Numbers for 2/11/18

Attendance - 22  
Contribution - \$593

# Order of Worship

February 18, 2018

*"So let us come near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith...."*

- Hebrews 10:22 -

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*Paul Bullock & Ernie Perry*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *George Nick*

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Tony Grant*

Alternates: *Jim Miller/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 -*

## February 18, 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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