



## 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
- 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
- Erik Grabowski - Still experiencing chronic neck pain; cortisone shots did not work
- Nate & Rebecca Hios - recently received a call from DHHS regarding a possible placement of a baby; prayers needed & much appreciated
- Terry Kennedy - prayers for safe travel while on vacation
- 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 at some point for further testing and another opinion; please pray for the family and for a definitive diagnosis & healing
- Trina (new sister in Christ in Lineville, AL) - pray for spiritual growth & maturity in Christ
- 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

*"Pray without ceasing."* — 1 Thess 5:17

## Living Sacrifices

The word "sacrifice" comes from the Latin *sacra facere*, meaning "to perform sacred rites." It is generally defined as an act of slaughtering an animal or surrendering a possession as an offering to God (*Oxford Dictionary*).

Almighty God instituted the sacrificial system as the method in which acceptable worship could be offered to Him by sinful man (see Gen 4:1-10). Under the Law of Moses, in obedience to God's command, an offering was made to Jehovah by killing a specified animal upon an altar (Lev 1-7). This sacrifice was performed as an acknowledgment of God's great power, to make atonement for sin, and to express gratitude to Him for his providential care. These Old Testament sacrifices provided a God-ordained substitute to atone for or temporarily cover man's sin (Rom 3:23-26), until the Savior would ultimately pay the penalty for sin once and for all through His perfect sacrifice on the cross (1 Tim 2:5-6; Heb 10:1-10).

As priests serving under the new covenant, our physical bodies serve as the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 3:16; 6:19-20), and we are to offer spiritual sacrifices to our God (1 Pet 2:5, 9; Rev 1:5-6). Mr. Webster defines "sacrifice" as "an act of offering to a deity something precious." So, our sacrifice is the act of giving up something of value. "A sacrifice is a loss or something you give up, usually for the sake of a better cause" (*Vocabulary.com*).

The sacrifice we are to offer is our very lives. We give up ourselves to God, presenting our body as a "living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God" (Rom 12:1). We do this because "the love of Christ constrains (compels, drives, motivates) us" (2 Cor 5:14). As the Apostle Paul said so eloquently: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Gal 2:20).

"And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again" (2 Cor 5:15).

As living sacrifices, those who are not conformed to this world, but are "conformed to the image of His Son" (Rom 8:29), we honor God with our character and behavior. Through our godly influence and Christian example (which come as a result of our being transformed by the renewing of our minds), we demonstrate to all around us that the will of God (which we live by) is "good, acceptable and perfect" (Rom 12:2). Souls are saved. And God is glorified! (1 Pet 3:15).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

## Gospel Meeting

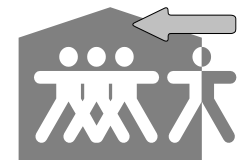
September 23-26  
with Brent Newton



"Loving the Church Jesus Built"

*Invite your family,  
friends and neighbors!*

(Flyers are available on the back table).



It is our pleasure to announce that  
**Connie Henderson**  
has expressed her desire to place  
membership here at *Southern Maine*  
church of Christ. We are pleased and  
blessed to have her worship with us  
and warmly welcome her  
into our spiritual family! ☺



## Ladies' Corner

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)
- **Potluck Fellowship:** Sunday, Sept 23, after services
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:**  
Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM.  
All are welcome! ☺



### September Birthdays



11th - Jason Kennedy  
18th - Karlee Wells  
26th - Genesis Cuvellier  
28th - Bethany Boucher

### POINTS TO PONDER

To experience God's strength, we must recognize and acknowledge our weakness.  
(see 2 Cor 12:9-10)

## SNACKS!

Sept 9: Paula  
Sept 16: Catherine

### Numbers for 9/2/18



Attendance - 28  
Contribution - \$922  
Contribution for  
8/26—\$387

## Order of Worship

September 9, 2018

"Give to the LORD the glory due His name;  
bring an offering and come before Him.  
Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty  
of holiness!"

- 1 Chronicles 16:29 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*  
~ Romans 12:1-2 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*George Cuvellier & Ernie Perry*

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"A Living Sacrifice"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Paul Bullock*

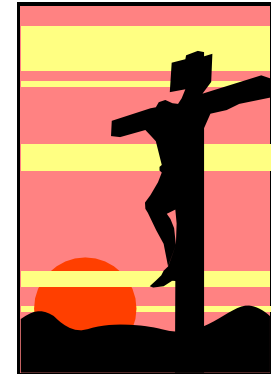
Alternate/fill-in: *Jim Miller/George Nick*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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

**September 9, 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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