



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Don Blackwell (gospel preacher) - severed spinal cord; doing better, prayers still needed
- Cote Family - personal & financial struggles
- Diane Cote - recently suffered a minor stroke; also has kidney disease & health concerns
- Sandy Gagnon - an infected part of her left big toe was removed on 9/16 with successful surgery; rehab has been completed and she is now home; thanks for all the prayers!
- Victims - please pray for who have suffered damage & loss from recent storms, flooding and wildfires; especially our brothers and sisters in Christ
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer; pray for pain relief; pray for Glenda as well
- Debbie McGarey (mother-in-law of Terry & Betty's daughter, Becky) - recently diagnosed with stage 4 throat cancer which has spread to her liver and gall bladder; has begun an aggressive treatment regimen
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy (Paula's sister's husband) - suffering with Lyme disease; still in hospice care, but he is doing better, which is an answer to our prayers; keep praying!
- Wayne Sampson - injured his right shoulder last week and is unable to use his arm; under a doctors care; also experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks; pray that the cause can be found, along with an effective treatment
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- 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 ~

Duty

The 1944 movie *The Fighting Sullivan's* tells the true story of five Irish-American brothers from Waterloo, Iowa who joined the Navy after the attack on Pearl Harbor. All five were assigned to the newly commissioned light cruiser *USS Juneau* in March 1942. Eight months later, on November 13, 1942 during the Naval Battle of Guadalcanal, the *Juneau* was sunk by an enemy torpedo with the loss of 687 crew members—including all five Sullivan brothers. The scene in the movie, where the Navy officer has the difficult task of informing the parents that all their sons had been lost in action, is emotionally moving and painfully sad. In the midst of this sorrow and grief, a train whistle is heard.

The father, Tom Sullivan, slowly picks up his lunch box and heads out the door to go to work on the railroad where he is employed as a freight conductor. Do you think this is what he "wanted" to do? Did he "feel" like going to work during this tremendous time of grief and loss? What was it that motivated him to leave the house and go to work at this trying time? I submit to you that, at least part of the reason was – his sense of duty.

The importance of duty is often diminished and even derided in our modern age. The concept of duty is routinely downplayed and even ridiculed in our "enlightened" culture. This is a mistake! Duty has reference to a moral or legal obligation. The word is defined as "something you must do because it is morally right or because the law requires it" (*Merriam-Webster*). It is synonymous with words like responsibility, commitment, devotion, loyalty and faithfulness. Understood in this way, a conscientious sense of duty should be considered a virtue (as it was in the case of Mr. Sullivan). A healthy sense of duty has everything to do with our morality and personal integrity.

Our sense of Christian duty must grow out of our love, reverence and adoration for God and our respect for His holy word. Jesus said: "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30). Our Lord also said that we are to "seek first the kingdom of God [His church] and His righteousness" (Matt 6:33).

Our love for God is clearly and unmistakably revealed by the way we obey His commandments (Jn 14:15; 23-24). If we view what God asks us to do as troublesome and burdensome, we may need to question our love for Him. "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome" (1 Jn 5:3).

Our whole reason for being is summed up very succinctly in one verse of scripture: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man!" (Ecc 12:13). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



Points to Ponder

When David stepped into battle with the giant Goliath, he did so in faith under God's power. It must be the same with us, as we encounter and confront our giants. (see Ephesians 6:10)

We will enjoy our potluck fellowship next Sunday after services. Please make plans to stay for this special time of food, fun and fellowship! ☺



"...food which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth." — 1 Timothy 4:3

☺ 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
- **Lecture: "What Happens After This Life?"** at the Kittery Church of Christ, Oct 25, 7-9 PM (see flyer on table)
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM. All are welcome! ☺

October Birthdays

28th — Terry Kennedy

Happy Anniversary!

Jason & Paula - October 25th

VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE

This Week: 2,312

This Month: 21,032



SNACKS!

October 13: Terry K
October 20: Jan

Contribution & Attendance

for October 6, 2019

Attendance — 24

Contribution — 1,404

Order of Worship

October 13, 2019

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

- Colossians 3:16 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *George Cuvellier*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Paul Bullock*

~ Judges 20:12-14 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:

Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"Why Has This Come to Pass in Israel?"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

Jim Miller

Alternate: *Wayne Sampson*

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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 -*

October 13, 2019

### 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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