



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Don Blackwell (gospel preacher) - spinal cord completely severed in a serious 4-wheeler accident; 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; now in rehab therapy at Seal Rock; also suffering with an itchy rash & dizziness when standing; thanks for all the prayers!
- Hurricane Victims - please pray for those in the Bahamas and on our southeast coast who have suffered damage and loss from these storms and the recent flooding in the south; especially our brothers and sisters in Christ
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer; pray for pain relief; pray for Glenda as well
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy (Paula's sister's husband) - suffering with Lyme disease; still in hospice care, and faces a long recovery; but he is gaining weight and doing better, which is an answer to our prayers; keep praying!
- Wayne Sampson - 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

### ***Give Thanks to God...***

*For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food, for love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends.*

## Abundant Life

**S**peaking of the sheep in his pasture, Jesus the Good Shepherd says: "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (Jn 10:10). The word *perissos*, translated "more abundantly," is one of those Greek words where the English rendering seems to fall short in bringing out its full meaning.



This rich and powerful word conveys the idea of that which is "beyond," an exceeding abundance which is beyond measure—over and above—superabundant in quantity and superior in quality. *WOW!* We need to seriously and thoughtfully consider this definition as we meditate on the fact that Jesus came and "gave Himself a ransom for all" (1 Tim 2:6), that we may have life, and have it more abundantly!

No one would deny that the Christian life is often difficult, with many challenging trials and trying tribulations. But, even in the midst of these hardships, the faithful Christian can experience the abundant life in this life! Just what are some of the aspects of this abundant life?

First and foremost is the fact that we are saved by the blood of Christ and are heaven-bound! (Col 1:14; Heb 9:14; 1 Pet 1:4; Rev 1:5). When we were baptized into Christ (Gal 3:27), our sins were remitted, washed away by His blood (Acts 22:16), and we received forgiveness (Acts 2:38; Eph 1:7; 1 Jn 1:9). Because of Christ's selfless sacrifice, our burden of guilt was lifted and we bear it no more! (Mt 11:28-30; Jas 2:10). We have access to divine guidance and direction through the word of God (Ps 119:105; 2 Tim 3:16-17). We enjoy communion with God through prayer, as well as access to divine wisdom (Phil 4:6-7; Jas 1:5). We have the gift of the Holy Spirit and His wonderful work in our lives (Acts 2:38; Rom 8:8-17; Eph 1:13-14). If we "walk in the Spirit," we have and manifest the "fruit of the Spirit" (love, joy, peace, longsuffering [patience] kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness [humility], and self-control – Gal 5:22-23).

So, the abundant life is a spiritually rich life. And we no longer need to be in bondage to the debilitating dictates and demands of the flesh. As Galatians 5:24 says: "And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires." "For to be carnally [fleshly] minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Rom 8:6). "Life and peace" . . . there it is! This aptly describes the abundant life Jesus came to give us.

Shining as bright lights in a very dark world (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:15-16; 1 Jn 5:19), we, whose names are written in the Book of Life (Phil 4:3), are privileged to live the abundant life . . . in this life! May we never forget, nor take for granted, that this abundant life was graciously provided by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Word of Life (Jn 1:14; 1 Jn 1:1-4). To Him be all praise, honor and glory! — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



## **WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS** for **OCTOBER**

*Preaching:* Terry Schmidt

*Song Leader:* Paul Cote

*Opening Prayer:* George Cuvelier

*Scripture Reading:* Paul Bullock

*Lord's Supper:*

Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

*Announcements & Closing Prayer:*  
Jim Miller

*Alternate/fill-in:* Wayne Sampson

*Lord's Supper Prep:* Pat Miller

😊 **Welcome Visitors!** 😊

*We are glad to have you worship with us today. 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 ~

- **Ladies Luncheon:** Thursday, Oct 10 at 12:00 at *The Bistro* in Kennebunk
- **Pot Luck Fellowship:** Sunday, Oct 13, after services
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM. All are welcome! ☺

### October Birthdays

28th — Terry Kennedy

## Happy Anniversary!

*Paul & Mary - October 3rd*

*Wayne & Jan - October 9th*

*Jason & Paula - October 25th*

### VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE

This Week: 4,816

This Month: 15,749



## SNACKS!

September 29: Paula  
October 6: Paula

### Contribution & Attendance

for September 22, 2019

Attendance — 22

Contribution — \$232

## Order of Worship

September 29, 2019

*"Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand."*

- Psalm 95:6-7 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—1A

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—177

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*  
~ 2 Thessalonians 2:15-17 ~

Song—155

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

Contribution

Song—656

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"The Abundant Life - In This Life"

Song—257

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Jason Kennedy*

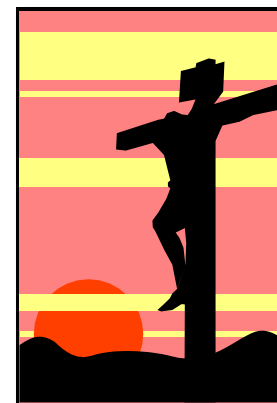
Alternate: *George Cuvellier*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Terry Kennedy*

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

September 29, 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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