



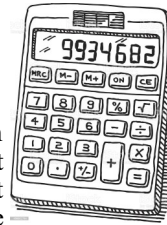
Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Corona Pandemic - its effect & overall impact on our lives, the nation and the world
- Diane Cote - kidney disease/health concerns; last Monday's procedure to clear a blocked carotid artery was successful; now healing
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho (Cathy's nephew) - permanently disabled and in need of prayer
- Sandy Gagnon - currently at York Hospital with various serious health concerns
- Janice Grabowski - large growth on her neck
- Connie Henderson - undergoing a continued regimen of chemotherapy which hopefully will eradicate the remaining cancer
- Bob Kenneth (friend of Terry & Betty) - fell recently, fracturing vertebrae; recovering
- Mayvella Knight (Connie's foster sister) - lost her husband to cancer recently: is hurting and angry with God; needs our prayers
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Joanne Neithercut - struggling with frequent serious bouts of depression
- George Nick - family issues & concerns
- Ernie Perry - arthritic back pain and COPD
- Norman Roy - prayers are needed for him & his family as his health continues to decline
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing bursitis & arthritis pain and ongoing anxiety attacks
- Sandra (Glenda's aunt in California)- recovering from recent shoulder surgery
- Paul Small (Paul Cote's cousin) - battling stomach cancer; prayers needed
- Erik Wuelper - (friend of George Cuvelier) - pancreatic cancer; prayers requested

Count Your Blessings



A gospel song that we often sing encourages us to count our blessings. But, just what is it that I am counting? The Greek word blessing is defined as: "a benefit bestowed" (*Vine's*). A secular dictionary expands this definition to "a favor or gift bestowed by God" (*Random House*). Another dictionary defines the word as "something promoting or contributing to happiness, well-being, or prosperity" (*American Heritage Dictionary*). So, these blessings are gifts from God intended for our benefit to promote our happiness and well-being.

When should I count my blessings? "When upon life's billows (great surging waves) you are tempest tossed (by the storms of life), When you are discouraged thinking all is lost...When you are burdened with loads and cares, When the cross seems heavy you are called to bear" (*Oatman*). The difficult and challenging times of life are when I most need to count my blessings. Doing this is therapeutic for us.

Counting our blessings helps us to see past our present problems and troubles. The Apostle Paul affirmed, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Rom 8:18). "Therefore, we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Cor 4:16-18). This is why we are commanded to set our minds on things above, not on things on the earth (Col 3:2).

Counting our blessings enables us to see past ourselves and focus on God, the Blessed Giver (James 1:17), "who gives us richly all things to enjoy" (1 Tim 6:17). Counting our blessings helps us to take stock of how truly blessed we are in Christ (Eph 1:13).

After all, our citizenship is in heaven (Phil 3:20). We have been adopted as children into God's family. We are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ! (Rom 8:17). This means that, whatever Christ has in heaven will be ours as well! As Paul assured the Corinthian church (and us too), "All things are yours!" And most importantly, you belong to Christ! (1 Cor 3:21-22).

Maintaining an attitude of gratitude for all that God has done for us through Christ will cause us to want to count our blessings often. Genuine gratitude fuels expressions of sincerest thanks from the humble in heart. And so, we count our blessings! — **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; Rev 2:10

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby 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!*





November 24th - Glenda Castleberry



Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 10,216
This Month: 19,974



SNACKS!

Nov 22: Betty
Nov 29: Paula

Attendance & Contribution for November 15, 2020

Attendance — 18
Contribution — \$619.

Order of Worship

November 22, 2020

*"Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice you
righteous; and shout for joy, all
you upright in heart!"*

- Psalm 32:11 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—393

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—338

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier*
~ Luke 17:11-19 ~

Song—321

The Lord's Supper:
Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

Song—68

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
~ Gratitude ~
(*"Where Are the Nine?"*)

Song—607

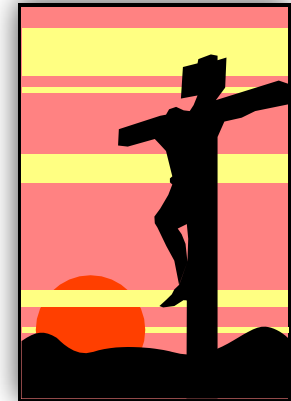
Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Paul Bullock

~~~~~

Lord's Supper Prep: *Pat Miller*

## 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 -

## November 22, 2020

### 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)