



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Billie Jo (Pat Miller's daughter) - suffered a nervous break down and is at Mercy Hospital in Lewiston; her 4 children are in the care of family members at this time
- Diane Cote - kidney disease/ health concerns
- Randy Cote (Paul & Diane's son) - requests prayers; having family problems
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho (Cathy's nephew) - permanently disabled and in need of prayer
- Bill Ferrigno (friend of Terry S) - recently diagnosed with lymphatic cancer
- Sandy Gagnon - dealing with physical issues and health concerns
- Glenda's aunts in California:
 - Beverly - pacemaker implanted recently, along with a hip replacement
 - Mary Lou - kidney failure; now on dialysis
 - Sandra - recent shoulder surgery
- Avis Going-Taylor (Sandy's friend) - serious & severe back issues; now in assisted living
- Erik Grabowski - being treated for a painful tennis elbow; Janice is experiencing neck pain
- Terry Kennedy - had successful right knee replacement surgery on Feb 26th; prayers requested for quick & complete healing
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Raymond Lamb - stage 3 cancer
- Debbie McGarey (mother-in-law of Terry & Betty's daughter, Becky) - throat cancer
- Pat Miller - being treated for diverticulitis
- George Nick - family issues & concerns
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy - suffering with Lyme disease
- Wayne Sampson - recovering from surgery on right shoulder; severe bursitis hip pain; also experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks



The Importance of Study

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Ps 90:12). It has been said that time is a great indicator of what we give our hearts to. In comparison to all that we spend time doing during the week (much of it necessary, of course), how much time do we spend reading and studying God's word? This is an important question which demands an honest answer. Jesus emphasized the importance of God's word in our lives when he stressed that man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God (Matt 4:4). Because God's word is our spiritual food, providing needed strength and nourishment for the soul, we need to feed on it daily. And this is not optional if we want to remain strong in Christ and grow in our faith.

Scripture instructs, "Wise people store up knowledge" (Pr 10:14), and "He who walks with wise men will be wise" (Pr 13:20). We can "walk with wise men" through their writings. Many excellent books and periodicals by our brethren can be easily obtained. By reading articles either online or in brotherhood publications, we can greatly benefit from the many combined years of wisdom and experience gleaned by our faithful brothers and sisters in Christ. Through reading, we can reap the benefits of years of Bible study and a college or university education. For some of us, this may be the only way we will be able to gain this knowledge—through reading and personal study! As Mark Twain has rightly observed: "The man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read."

"Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning" (Pr 9:9). God's inspired word is "profitable for doctrine [teaching; instruction], for reproof [conviction; showing us what is wrong in our lives], for correction ["straightening up"; restoration to a right state], for instruction in righteousness [training; disciplinary correction; teaching us how to live right]; that the man of God may be perfect [complete], thoroughly furnished

[completely equipped] unto all good works" (2 Tim 3:16-17). God's word equips us for the work He has prepared for us to do (Eph 2:10). The word of God gives us practical guidance and divine direction for living a godly life (Ps 119:105).

As Christians, we are admonished to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18) and to "let the word of Christ dwell in [us] richly in all wisdom" (Colossians 3:16). This does not just happen! In fact, it cannot and will not happen unless we make the time to read and study God's word on a regular basis. As the scriptures admonish: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth!" (2 Tim 2:15).

— 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

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Jesus — John 14:6

☺ 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 ~

- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:**
Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM.
All are welcome! ☺



Ladies' Corner

Biddeford Ladies' Day: Saturday,
March 21st; Speaker: *Cindy Colley*,
Topic: "*Relationships of the Christian
Woman*" (see flyer on back table)



*"Take firm hold of instruction,
do not let go; keep her, for
she is your life."*
(Proverbs 4:13)

VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE

Last Week: 4,341

Month of Feb: 15,355



SNACKS!

Mar 1: Pat
Mar 8: Connie

Contribution & Attendance for February 23, 2020

Attendance — 25
2/16 Contribution — \$609.00
2/23 Contribution — \$444.02

Order of Worship

March 1, 2020

*"But you are a chosen generation, a
royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own
special people, that you may proclaim
the praises of Him who called you out
of darkness into His marvelous light!"*

- 1 Peter 2:9 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—63

Opening Prayer: *Paul Bullock*

Song—261

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*
~ 2 Timothy 3:14-17 ~

Song—299

The Lord's Supper:
Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song—98

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Study!"

Song—593

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

Alternate: *George Cuvellier*

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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 -

## March 1, 2020

### 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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