



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Billie Jo (Pat Miller's daughter) - recently hospitalized after suffering a nervous breakdown
- Corona Pandemic - its effect & overall impact
- Diane Cote - kidney disease/ health concerns
- Randy Cote - prayers for 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 - 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 - having severe back issues
- Erik Grabowski - painful tennis elbow
- Janice Grabowski - large growth on left side of her neck causing pain; having biopsy soon
- 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
- George Nick - family issues & concerns
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy - at the Gosnell House in Scarborough in severe pain; pain meds being administered intravenously; prayers are needed
- Wayne Sampson - recovering from surgery on right shoulder; severe bursitis hip pain; also experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks
- Tornado victims in Nashville area - many brothers & sisters have suffered injury & loss

Scoring for the Other Team

Through the years, whether it was football, soccer, basketball, or hockey, team players have been known from time to time to score for the other team. Now, in their defense, these incidents were clearly mistakes and the points were scored accidentally. But when you're wearing the jersey and representing your team, these glaring blunders bring abundant embarrassment and humiliation—to the offender as well as the whole team. And the team's reputation suffers.

This is what happens in the Lord's church when members metaphorically "score for the other team." As disciples (learners, followers) of Christ, we are wearing the Christian uniform, so to speak (Mt 5:16; Gal 3:27; Col 3:12-14). When we conduct ourselves in ways that are unbecoming and out-of-character with our Lord Jesus Christ, when we *do* that which God has specifically forbidden, or do *not* do what He has clearly commanded, we are in essence scoring for the other team. And, if our actions are done openly or become known to others, it can bring shame and reproach upon the Lord and His church and, again, we score for the other team. God's word provides many examples of this happening.

- "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" (Lk 22:48).

- "You are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?" (1 Cor 3:3).

- "It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles..." (1 Cor 5:1).

- "Brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers!" (1 Cor 6:6).

- "Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world" (2 Tim 4:10).

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some" (Heb 10:25)

"If they fall away...they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame" (Heb 6:6).

Score! . . . for the *other* team.

However, a Day is coming when God will *even* the score! "For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, and the peoples with equity" (Ps 98:9). Before the coming of that "great and notable Day of the Lord" (Acts 2:20; 2 Pet 3:10), God remains "longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Pet 3:9). "And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation" (2 Pet 3:15). For God "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim 2:4). This is the good and gracious God we serve!

If you have been guilty of scoring for the other team—repent— "return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on [you]; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon!" (Is 55:7).

— 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 ~

- **Biddeford Ladies Day:** due to concerns about the Corona Virus, the ladies day, scheduled for March 21st, has been canceled.
- **Potluck Fellowship:** Sunday, March 22, after services, with students from Freed-Hardeman University as guests
- **Potluck & Singing:** Manchester church of Christ, March 22 at 5:00 PM
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM. All are welcome! ☺

~ NEW ADDRESS ~

Paul & Diane Cote's new address is:

50 Washington Street
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(Please make a note of this in your directories)

VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE

This Week: 3,946

This Month: 11,626



SNACKS!

Mar 15: Glenda
Mar 22: Diane

Contribution & Attendance

for March 15, 2020

Attendance — 21

Contribution — \$594.00

Order of Worship

March 15, 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—274-a

Opening Prayer: *Paul Bullock*

Song—255

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*

~ Romans 8:31-39 ~

Song—313

The Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song—144

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"Selling Out to the Enemy"

Song—642

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 15, 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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