



## 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 & hip replacement
  - Mary Lou - kidney failure; now on dialysis
  - Sandra - recent shoulder surgery
- Erik Grabowski - painful tennis elbow
- Janice Grabowski - large growth on left side of her neck; also lost her job due to covid-19
- Connie Henderson - recently diagnosed with a fast-growing ovarian cancer; surgery likely
- Terry Kennedy - healing from recent right knee replacement surgery
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Raymond Lamb - stage 3 cancer
- Debbie McGarey (mother-in-law of Terry & Betty's daughter, Becky) - throat cancer
- Adam Neithercut - health concerns: covid-19
- 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

## What is a Christian?

**I** know, I know, it sounds like I have played too much football, without a helmet! I get that a lot with many things I say! You may be thinking this question is a "no brainer!" Everyone knows what a Christian is. He/she is a follower of Christ. That is true enough. It appears obvious, on the surface. But not so obvious, if you think long and hard about it. Some teach that the name "Christian" was a term of derision used by the enemies of the cross. However, it can be demonstrated that this is not true. There are three scriptures in the Bible that use the word/name "Christian." Let's look at them.

First, Acts 11:26 says: "...And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." The Bible teaches that God, not man, wrote the Bible. However, He used human beings to actually transcribe His writings to mankind. Luke, who wrote the Book of Acts, was "a human pen" God used to put His words down in writing. Luke says nothing about the name "Christian" being a term of derision. He used "Christian" in a natural, acceptable way in this passage. However, in Acts 9:2, Luke uses the term "this way," as a description of those who claimed to be Christians. Acts 19:9 says: "But when divers were hardened and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude...." The term "that way," is not used in a familiar way, by Luke. It is used as an off-handed description of Christians by Luke. In Acts 19:23. Christians are called "that way" in a rather matter-of-fact fashion. In Acts 22:4, Luke records Paul referring to Christians as: "this way," not "our way." It is used in a very adjective fashion. Paul is not saying "our way," or "the way of Christ," etc. Now, note what the apostle Paul, as penned by Luke, is recorded as saying in Acts 24:14: "But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call a heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers...." Notice Paul says "the way." In Acts 24:22, Luke says concerning Felix, "And when Felix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of that way...." "The/that way" was not typically used as a description, nor was it warmly used by Christians or scripture as an accepted way of referring to Christians, or describing those who were/are Christians.

The next passage using the name Christian is found in Acts 26:28. In this passage, Agrippa is said to say, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." Finally, in 1 Peter 4:16, Peter, the pen God used to reveal His word, says: "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian...." Again, the name Christian appears to be used in an acceptable, God approved way.

The bottom line is this: not all who call themselves "Christian(s)" actually are! A Christian must conform to God's definition (Jesus's definition), of what a "Christian is! Consider these passages: 1. Luke 6:46, "Why call Ye me, Lord, Lord and do not the things which I say?" To call Jesus Lord and not make a SERIOUS attempt to do as He says, makes one who calls himself/herself a "Christian" not really a Christian. 2. Luke 6:46, No one, who calls themselves "Christian," and does not do what Jesus says, is really a Christian! 3. Matthew 7:21-29, Whosoever does not obey the word of God in their lives is not a Christian! Please join us Sunday morning for Bible study and worship! — **Paul A. Bullock** ✍

**"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

☺ **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 ~

- **Potluck Fellowship:** Today, after services
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:** Canceled until further notice due to the coronavirus pandemic

### ~ NEW ADDRESS ~

Paul & Diane Cote's new address is:

50 Washington Street  
Apt D-21  
Biddeford, ME 04005

(Please make a note of this in your directories)



*"I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust."*

(Psalm 91:2)

### VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE

This Week: 2,829

This Month: 14,455



## SNACKS!

Mar 22: Diane  
Mar 29: Terry K

### Contribution & Attendance

for March 15, 2020

Attendance — 22

Contribution — \$487.00

## Order of Worship

March 22, 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—652

Opening Prayer: *Paul Bullock*

Song—127

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*

~ Acts 11:25-26 ~

Song—252

The Lord's Supper:

*Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry*

Contribution

Song—100

Sermon: *Paul Bullock*

*"Do You Know What a Christian Is?"*

Song—590

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 22, 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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