



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Robbie Andrews (preacher in Lineville, AL) - recovering from Rocky Mountain Fever; also experiencing extremely poor vision due to bilateral cataracts and retinal inflammation
- Louis Bureau - injured left shoulder at work; underwent a successful surgery on June 15th; wearing a shoulder brace & still quite painful
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Cleary's (Sampson's neighbors) - John is at SMHC suffering with Cephalitis virus; his wife Ceciela fell in parking lot with many injuries
- Diane Cote - left leg was amputated up to the knee on 6/2 due to a progression of gangrene as a result of diabetes; now undergoing rehab at Southridge Rehabilitation & Living Center
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Linda Gloman - cancer detected in a recent colonoscopy; awaiting test results on extent & phase of the cancer; prayers appreciated
- Pat Miller - recently injured due to a bad fall
- Wayne Sampson - ongoing anxiety attacks
- Betty Schmidt - head injury is now almost completely healed; thank you for your prayers
- Molly Urghart (mother of Wayne & Jan's granddaughter, River) - condition re-evaluated to stage 4 esophageal cancer; now undergoing aggressive chemotherapy
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today — the sick & suffering and those who are spiritually weak & struggling

"The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers."

~ 1 Peter 3:12 ~

The Crown of Life



In today's society, people are rewarded, honored or have their accomplishments recognized in various ways. Those being recognized and honored may receive a trophy, be awarded a medal, and/or be given a plaque or framed certificate with the reason for their notable accomplishment or noteworthy achievement plainly stated. However, in the first century, there was another way to recognize those who excelled. The victors who would come in first, winning difficult and challenging contests in the Olympic games, would be given a crown.

People in the first century would certainly be familiar with the significance of a crown, would understand its meaning and appreciate what it represented. These crowns were only awarded to those who did not give up, but persisted, persevered and prevailed. The bestowing of a crown on an individual represented a significant accomplishment and publicly recognized a notable achievement. It was a highly respected reward for victory and a true symbol of honor.

On that great Day, when those "whose names are in the Book of Life" (Phil 4:3; Rev 20:15) stand before God to receive their heavenly reward, (Mt 10:42; Col 3:24; Heb 10:35; 2 Jn 1:8), God will award to them a crown. Yes, a glorious crown will be given to all the faithful saints who have willingly, lovingly, and obediently served God in this life. This crown will be incorruptible and will last for all eternity. As the inspired apostle Peter declares, "And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory, that fadeth not away" (1 Pet 5:4).

Using the Greek games as an illustration, the inspired apostle Paul stresses: "Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable" (1 Cor 9:24-25). This magnificent crown is promised to one "who endures temptation: for when he is tried [has been tested; proved], he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord

has promised to those who love Him" (Jas 1:12). As the Lord promised the first century saints in Smyrna: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev 2:10).

At the end of his earthly life, Paul confidently affirmed: "There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that Day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing" (2 Tim 4:8). If we remain faithful (Heb 10:35-39), that will include you and me! When we hear those wonderful words, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Mt 25:23), we "shall receive a crown of glory, that fadeth not away" (1 Pet 5:4). So, "Watch yourselves ... that you may receive a full reward!" (2 Jn 1:8).

— 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

☺ **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. Also, please fill out one of our visitor's cards before you depart.

Have a great week! ☺





Wayne Sampson — August 14th



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for AUGUST

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Opening Prayer: Louis Bureau

Scripture Reading: Wayne Sampson

Lord's Supper:

Jason Kennedy & George Cuvellier

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

Jim Miller

Lord's Supper Prep: Jan Sampson

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 12,949

This Month: 33,958



SNACKS!

July 30: Betty

Aug 6: Kathleen

Attendance & Contribution

for July 23, 2023

Attendance — 18

Contribution — \$432

Order of Worship

July 30, 2023

*"Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent
reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice
and give Him glory!"*

📖 - Revelation 19:6-7 - 📖

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Song—120

Opening Prayer: Wayne Sampson

Song—521

Scripture Reading: Jason Kennedy
- Ephesians 2:1-6 -

Song—48

The Lord's Supper
George Cuvellier & Jim Miller

Song—332

Sermon: Terry Schmidt

"Questions I Have Been Asked"

Song—522

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Louis Bureau

Lord's Supper Prep: Betty Schmidt

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 -*

July 30, 2023

Meeting on the Lord's Day:

9:30 am — Bible Class

10:30 am — Worship

*"Let us consider one another in order
to stir up love and good works, not
forsaking the assembling of ourselves
together, as is the manner of some, but
exhorting one another, and so much the
more as you see the Day approaching."*

- Hebrews 10:24-25 -

Phone: 207-229-4174

Email: tls654b@twc.com

Website: www.southernmainecofc.com