



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Louis Bureau - left shoulder tendon healing slowly; also requests prayers for his family
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Diane Cote - left leg amputated to the knee as a result of diabetes; now dealing with an abscess on her right foot
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Kate Ivory (niece of Robbie Andrews) - studying the Bible with our brother Robbie in AL
- Kathleen Judkins - scheduled for knee replacement surgery for her left knee on Sept 23rd
- Richard Miles (Kathleen's nephew) - undergoing chemo & radiation to combat a rare sarcoma
- Brent Newton - suffered a minor stroke on 8/18; now home recovering and doing well
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing *claudication* (a narrowing of the arteries reducing blood flow to the legs, resulting in pain and difficulty standing & walking; a procedure is scheduled for 9/27 to bypass an 8-inch blockage in his right leg
- Henry Terrill - undergoing radiation treatments for prostate cancer (localized in the prostate)
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for those not with us today — the sick & suffering and those who are spiritually weak & struggling



*"I have called upon Thee, for Thou wilt hear me, O God: incline Thine ear unto me and hear my speech."*

(Psalm 17:6)

## New Beginnings



Years ago, when we were kids, playing games or engaged in some other childhood activity, we would often employ the use of a "do over." This offered us a chance to correct a mistake or improve our performance from an earlier attempt. The nineteenth century preacher and writer Alexander Whyte once wrote: "The victorious Christian life is a series of new beginnings." In other words—a do over! And we can be thankful that we serve a God of second chances.

Our loving Father is definitely in the business of salvaging broken lives and restoring lost souls. "Through the Lords' mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not" (Lamentations 3:22). "For when we were still without strength (completely powerless, helpless, hopeless), in due time Christ died for the ungodly...God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:6-8). Now, "in Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7). "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15).

Our new beginning started when we "obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which [we] were delivered" (Romans 6:17). At that time, we "purified our souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit...having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever" (1 Peter 1:22-23). Having been "baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38), we were "born again" (John 3:3-8), raised to "walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4), becoming "a new creation" in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Even as Christians, our "do overs" continue to be necessary—because we still sin. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8). But our God of second

chances has ensured our new beginning with the truth of these words: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

With God's help and by His grace (lovingly extended to us through Jesus Christ His Son), we can always begin anew. Like the Psalmist, you and I can confidently and joyfully exclaim, "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered" (Psalm 32:1). And again, "He restores my soul!" (Psalm 23:3). To which we could add . . . Amen! — **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. Also, please fill out a visitor's card before you depart.*



Have a great week! 😊

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Genesis Cuvellier — Sept 26th



It is our pleasure to announce that

**David Larrabee**

has expressed his desire to place membership here at Southern Maine church of Christ.

We are pleased and blessed to have him worship with us and warmly welcome him to our congregation! 😊

## Points to Ponder

"God is love" (1 Jn 4:8 & 16). And God will often choose to love others through you! 😊

## Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 17,483

This Month: 77,030



## SNACKS!

Sept 22: Betty

Sept 29: Cathy

## Attendance & Contribution

for September 15, 2024

Attendance — 23

Contribution — \$464

# Order of Worship

September 22, 2024

*"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before His presence with singing."*

📖 - Psalm 100:1-2 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—11

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song—24

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier*  
~ Isaiah 64:6 ~

Song—28

The Lord's Supper  
*Louis Bureau* (lead) & *Mike Doucette*

Song—47

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"Damaged Goods"

Song—49

Announcements & Closing Prayer  
*Wayne Sampson*

Alternate: *Jim Miller*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Terry Kennedy*

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*We love Him, because He first loved us.*  
- 1 John 4:19 -

## September 22, 2024

### 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 -

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