



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; 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 - surgery for left knee replacement on 9/23 went well; now undergoing PT; grateful for the prayers
- 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); procedure scheduled for 9/27 to bypass an 8-inch blockage in his right leg was postponed due to a bad cough & congestion
- 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)

Continuing Steadfastly



The first century Christians "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). The Greek word translated "continued steadfastly" means "to be earnest towards; be diligent in; be devoted to." As 21st century Christians (in addition to what is expressed above), we are to devote ourselves to the ministry of the saints (1 Cor 16:15), continue earnestly in [devote ourselves to] prayer (Col 4:2), give attention to [devote ourselves to] the reading of Scripture (1 Tim 4:13), be careful to [devote ourselves to] do what is good (Titus 3:8, 14), and we are to be kindly affectionate [devoted] to one another in brotherly love (Rom 12:10).

Devotion is a beautiful word, replete with substance and meaning. The word and its derivations can be defined as: (1) Ardent, often selfless affection and dedication, as to a person or principle; earnest attachment to a cause, person, etc. (2) Religious ardor or zeal; piety; profound dedication, esp. to religion; consecration. Devotion can include feelings of ardent love or a strong positive emotion of regard and affection for another. It also carries the meaning of a firm, dedicated commitment to some purpose—the act of binding yourself (intellectually or emotionally) to a course of action with a willingness to serve (*thefreedictionary.com*).

The word is synonymous with *dedication* and *commitment* and has its roots in words like *loyalty*, *faithfulness* and *allegiance*. And these words have their roots in *love*. Scripture affirms that "we love Him because He first loved us" (1 Jn 4:19). And when you "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mk 12:30), your *loyalty* and *allegiance* will be to Him only and you will be ever *faithful* in His service — "seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Mt 6:33) — becoming "steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Cor 15:58).

Out of our grateful, heartfelt response of love for God, and what He has done for us through Christ, grows a solid *allegiance* to God, which produces an unwavering *devotion* to Him, which produces willing *obedience* and selfless *service*. Even if this Christian duty should include sacrifice and suffering, the devoted Christian will not be discouraged, dissuaded, nor deterred from rendering faithful obedience to his loving God. May God's will be done in our lives, as it is in heaven (Mt 6:10). — **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



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for OCTOBER

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Opening Prayer: Jim Miller

Scripture Reading: Jason Kennedy

Lord's Supper:

George Cuvellier (lead) & Mike Doucette

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

Louis Bureau

Alternate: Wayne Sampson

Lord's Supper Prep: Pat Miller

Happy Birthday!

Donna Doucette — October 2nd
Heidi Soper — October 6th



Happy Anniversary!

Wayne & Jan — October 9th



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! ☺

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 12,809
This Month: 89,839



SNACKS!

Sept 29: Cathy
October 6: Pat

Attendance & Contribution

for September 22, 2024

Attendance — 25
Contribution — \$868

Order of Worship

September 29, 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—14

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song—89

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier*
~ 1 Corinthians 15:58 ~

Song—99

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

Song—115

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
“Continuing Steadfastly”

Song—84

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 29, 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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