



## Prayer Requests:

*“Pray for one another”*

- James 5:16 -

- Michael Baldasaro (Wayne & Jan’s son in law) successful surgery on 9/21 addressed cancer of the tonsils; has completed chemo-therapy treatments and will continue to be monitored; grateful for continued prayers for the family ☺
- Louis Bureau - facing yet another surgery on his left shoulder in order to repair a damaged tendon, obviously missed in previous surgery
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord’s church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Diane Cote - left leg amputated up to the knee as a result of diabetes; now using a temporary prosthesis and undergoing prosthetic rehab
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy’s mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Molly Urghart (mother of Wayne & Jan’s granddaughter, River)- after a prolonged struggle with stage 4 esophageal cancer, Molly passed away last Thursday, Feb 22nd. Please keep Wayne & Jan, Lee & River, and the rest of the family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their loved one.
- 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



*“The prayer of the upright is His delight . . . He hears the prayer of the righteous.”*

~ Proverbs 15:8, 29 ~

## The Noble Bereans



Luke, “the beloved physician” (Colossians 4:14), commends the Bereans and holds them up as an excellent example to be followed: “These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so” (Acts 17:11). Webster’s 1828 Dictionary defines the word “noble” as, “greatness or elevation of mind; dignified; being above everything that can dishonor reputation – as a noble mind. Of an excellent disposition; ready to receive truth (Acts 17).”

The Bereans received the word “not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God” (1 Thess 2:13). And they received it with all readiness of mind. As newborn babes, they eagerly desired the sincere milk of the word so that they could learn, grow and mature in their newfound faith (1 Pet 2:2). Like Job, the faithful servant of old, they “esteemed the words of His mouth more than [their] necessary food” (Job 23:12). So, when they heard “the word of God preached by Paul at Berea” (Acts 17:13), they earnestly ate them up, which (like Jeremiah) brought joy and rejoicing to their hearts (Jer 15:16).

The noble Bereans also searched the scriptures daily. They understood the importance of feeding on the word of God on a regular, consistent basis. As our Lord taught when He walked this earth: “It is written, Man shall not live by bread [physical food] alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God” (Mt 4:4). Like the Psalmist, they exclaimed, “O how I love Thy law! It is my meditation all the day” (Ps 119:97). The study of God’s word became a priority for them and His testimonies were their delight as well as their counselors (Ps 119:24). Through the word, they received godly guidance and divine direction. As the Psalmist rightly observed: “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Ps 119:105).

Finally, the noble Bereans did not take anything at face value. They even checked out the preaching of the Apostle Paul to see whether it was so. They heard the word gladly, and received it with all readiness of mind. But then, they wisely referred to

the standard of truth (Jn 17:17) – the authority of God’s word (2 Tim 3:16-17) – to *verify* and *validate* what was being taught. This is a commendable and essential practice for you and me to emulate. As the scripture says: “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Tim 2:15). “Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of Thy righteous judgments endures forever” (Ps 119:160). Amen.

Most importantly, the Bereans understood that serious, consistent study of the scriptures is able to make one wise unto salvation. As Paul told young Timothy: “From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus (2 Tim 3:15). And “faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom 10:17). Our souls are purified when we obey the truth of God’s word (Jn 17:17; 1 Pet 1:22). And we are born again . . . through the word of God which lives and abides forever” (1 Pet 1:23). “Forever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven” (Ps 119:89). Amen. — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for MARCH

*Preaching:* Terry Schmidt

*Song Leader:* Terry Schmidt

*Opening Prayer:* George Cuvellier

*Scripture Reading:* Jim Miller

*Lord’s Supper:*

Louis Bureau—lead & Wayne Sampson

*Announcements & Closing Prayer:*

Jason Kennedy

*Lord’s Supper Prep:* Jan Sampson

☺ **Welcome Visitors!** ☺

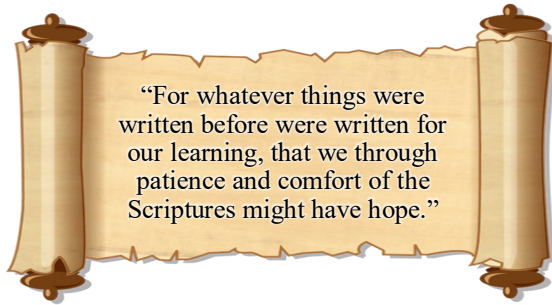
*We are glad to have you as our honored guests!*



## Our Deepest Sympathy

Our sincerest condolences are extended to Wayne & Jan and family as they mourn the death of Molly Urghart, who passed away on Thursday, February 22nd.

May God's steadfast presence and tender compassion provide strength & comfort to these dear ones during this difficult time of grief and loss. †



“For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.”

### Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 4,918

This Month: 30,460



## SNACKS!

Feb 25: Cathy

March 3: Pat

### Attendance & Contribution

for February 18, 2024

Attendance — 24

Contribution — \$808

# Order of Worship

February 25, 2024

*“Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good: sing praises unto His name; for it is pleasant.”*

📖 - Psalm 135:3 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—63

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—13

Scripture Reading: *Louis Bureau*  
~ Acts 17:10-12 ~

Song—278

The Lord's Supper  
*Wayne Sampson (lead) & Jason Kennedy*

Song—51

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
“The Noble Bereans”

Song—590

Announcements & Closing Prayer  
*George Cuvellier*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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

## February 25, 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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