



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Louis Bureau - underwent surgery on 4/9 to repair a damaged tendon on his left shoulder missed in a previous surgery; also requests prayers for his family
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Glenda Castleberry - recently diagnosed with liver cancer; stage & treatment not yet known
- 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
- Donna Doucette - do to severe arthritis, she will be needing replacement surgery in both knees
- Kate Ivory (niece of Robbie Andrews) - Please pray for her spiritual welfare as she studies God's word with our brother Robbie
- Terry Kennedy - being scheduled on May 16th for a much needed hip replacement surgery
- 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



[Thus saith the Lord]: "Gather My saints together unto Me; And call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me." 📖

- Psalm 50:5 & 15 -



Not Baptized to be Saved?

A while back, when listening to a well known radio evangelist, I heard him make the following statement: "We are baptized...not to be saved...but to obey the command of God." How do you feel about this statement? Does it make sense? How does it stand up when compared to the word of God, our standard for all matters of faith and practice? Perhaps what he is actually saying can be clarified and better understood by breaking down his statement into two separate parts: (1) We are **not** baptized to be saved; (2) We **are** baptized to obey the command of God. The problem with this proposition is that one part of his sentence clearly contradicts the other!

We would wholeheartedly agree with the second part of this statement. We are baptized to obey the command of God. Jesus himself commanded us to be baptized (Matthew 28:19). And this same Jesus said: "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved (Mark 16:16). Is Jesus saying here that we are baptized to be saved? If he is not saying this, what is he saying? So, if Jesus is saying that we **are** baptized to be saved, how can this guy on the radio say that we are **not** baptized to be saved? Is he not openly contradicting what is plainly taught in Scripture?

I wonder how he would explain Peter's statement: "this water symbolizes **baptism that now saves you...**" (1 Peter 3:21). How does his statement, "We are baptized...not to be saved..." harmonize with this verse? The fact is – it doesn't! It teaches the **direct opposite** of what God's word teaches. And we have a major problem! This man is a popular and highly respected denominational preacher. Much of what he has to say is very good and harmonizes with the teachings of God's word. But we in the Lord's church must be careful to search the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things are so! (Acts 17:11). And when we find something that does not harmonize with the truth of God's word, we must reject it as false.

As in the first century (2 Corinthians 2:17; 4:2), false teaching in our day abounds! This is why the Apostle Peter issues a serious warning: "But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction" (2 Peter 2:1). These false teachers must be confronted and challenged, because they bring others down with them. As Peter affirms: "Many will follow their destructive ways" (v. 2).

So, with God's help and by His grace & strength, we need to steadfastly stand for what is true (1 Corinthians 15:1-2; 2 John 4), faithfully defend the gospel (Philippians 1:16; 2 Timothy 1:13-14), and "contend earnestly for the faith!" (Jude 3; 1 Timothy 6:12).

—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 and 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!

Happy Anniversary!

Jim & Pat — April 28th

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable . . . The Lord is gracious and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works. (Psalm 145:3, 8-9)



We will enjoy our potluck meal today after services. We hope you will stay for this special time of food, fun & fellowship! ☺

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 7,109

This Month: 34,542



SNACKS!

April 14: Paula

April 21: Betty

Attendance & Contribution

for April 7, 2024

Attendance — 20

Contribution — \$480

Order of Worship

April 14, 2024

*“While I live, I will praise the LORD:
I will sing praises unto my God
while I have any being.”*

📖 - Psalm 146:2 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—66

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song—157

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier*
~ Mark 16:15-16 ~

Song—46

The Lord’s Supper
Terry Schmidt (lead) & Louis Bureau

Song—188

Sermon: *Jim Miller*
“Five Views of Mark 16:16”

Song—49

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Wayne Sampson

Lord’s Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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

April 14, 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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