




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 -

Eclipsing Jesus



Back in the early 1980's, Betty & I attended a Teacher's Workshop hosted by one of the larger congregations of the Lord's church in Connecticut. The workshop was well organized, discussing a lot of helpful information and demonstrating various educational tools, along with effective teaching techniques. One of the sessions that made a substantial impression on me (which I still remember more than 40 years later), was the use of a low-tech flannel board. Remember them?

The flannel board lesson that left a lasting imprint on my mind was simply a picture of an artist's rendition of Jesus. Then, like a jig-saw puzzle, pictures of things occurring during a person's week were placed over the picture. These would include things like taking care of the routine necessities of life, hours spent at work or school, time spent watching TV, engaging in recreational activities, enjoying hobbies, etc. Before long, when adding picture after picture, Jesus was totally obscured or eclipsed.

Using this simple illustration, the lesson to be learned becomes clearly obvious and is easily understood. If we are not careful, Jesus can be completely crowded out of our daily lives. If the Lord is not intentionally made a priority, the business and "busy-ness" of life can consume all of our time and leave no room for Jesus. As disciples of Christ who desire to serve Him faithfully, we must take time and *make* time for Jesus.

To make this happen on a consistent basis with habitual regularity, we need to understand that doing this is essential to our Christian growth and spiritual well-being. It is vitally important that we spend quality time communing with the Lord and cultivating our souls. Specifically, this will mean quality time spent daily with the Lord in prayer (Mt 26:41; Eph 6:18; Phil 4:6; Col 4:2; 1 Thess 5:17), as well as a significant amount of time spent studying the Bible and feeding on the word of God (Mt 4:4; Rom 10:17; 2 Tim 2:15; 1 Pet 2:2; 2 Pet 3:18).

A major key to the successful application and permanent implementation of these important spiritual disciplines is *awareness* (Mt 26:41; Eph 5:15-17). Tell-tale signs that we are being side-tracked or getting off-track will be realized and recognized by an acute sense of spiritual hunger (Mt 5:6; 1 Cor 3:1-3; Heb 5:12-14), along with an unwelcomed increase in the "works of the flesh" (Gal 5:19-21; Eph 4:30; 1 Thess 5:19).

An effective antidote or solution to this undesirable condition is: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mk 12:30). The fidelity, constancy and intensity of this kind of love will keep us focused, committed, and on-track in our Christian walk (2 Cor 5:14; Col 3:1-4; Heb 12:1-2; 1 Jn 5:19). And, this keen spiritual awareness will prevent us from allowing the business and "busy-ness" of life to overtake us, crowd-out and eclipse the Lord Jesus Christ (Mt 6:33; Col 1:17-18). —**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 pleased to have you as our honored guests!

Happy Anniversary!

Jim & Pat — April 28th

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the sun and the Earth, blocking the sun's light and casting a shadow on the Earth's surface. This spectacular event has fascinated humans for centuries. Throughout history, solar eclipses have played an important role in shaping human beliefs and understanding of the universe. Ancient civilizations, such as the Babylonians and Egyptians, saw solar eclipses as omens of impending doom or as messages from their gods. Even today, solar eclipses continue to hold cultural significance in many parts of the world. In modern times, solar eclipses continue to captivate people's imaginations and serve as opportunities for scientific study and education.

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 5,816
This Month: 40,358



SNACKS!

April 21: Betty
April 28: Terry K

Attendance & Contribution for April 14, 2024

Attendance — 23
Contribution — \$882

Order of Worship

April 21, 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—68

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song—73

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier*
~ Luke 23:44-46 ~

Song—119

The Lord’s Supper
Jim Miller (lead) & Louis Bureau

Song—176

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
“What Do You See in an Eclipse?”

Song—84

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 21, 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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