



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Don Blackwell (gospel preacher) - spinal cord completely severed in a serious 4-wheeler accident; prayers needed
- Cote Family - grieving the recent death of Diane's brother, Raymond
- Diane Cote - recently suffered a minor stroke; also has kidney disease & health concerns
- Sandy Gagnon - dealing with chronic pain and various health concerns
- Hurricane Dorian - please pray for those on our southeast coast who will no doubt be impacted by this powerful storm; especially our brothers and sisters in Christ
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer; pray for pain relief; pray for Glenda as well
- Jim Miller - recent cataract surgery on both of his eyes was successful; he is now healing with excellent vision!
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy (Paula's sister's husband) - the preliminary diagnosis of Lyme disease was confirmed—its called Ehrlichiosis; he also has a major bacterial infection in his body which is 4X higher than it should be due to non-treatment; he is currently on 2 powerful antibiotics, still in hospice care, and faces a long recovery; but he is gaining weight and doing better, which is an answer to our prayers; keep praying!
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks; pray that the cause can be found, along with an effective treatment
- 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

"Pray without ceasing." — 1 Thess 5:17

Context



The question is often asked, "Is the glass half empty, or half full?" If you answer "half empty," you are typically labeled a pessimist. If you answer "half full," you are usually regarded as an optimist. But some of us are realists, and we say, "It all depends." On what? The context!

A good working definition of *context* is "The parts of something written or spoken that immediately precede and follow a word or passage and clarify its meaning. The circumstances or situation that form the setting for an event, statement, or idea—in terms of which it can be fully understood and assessed. (*Oxford Dictionary*). So, context has to do with the setting, background, or conditions in which something exists or occurs.

Going back to the partially filled glass . . . if the glass is in the process of being filled, it is half full. If the contents are being drained or consumed, it is half empty. It's the context that helps us to understand and make a proper determination and designation. And, so it is with scripture!

The context of a passage is needed in order for us to accurately understand and interpret the scriptures and make a proper application. It's always profitable to ask certain questions when studying a text. Who is speaking? Who is being spoken to? What is being talked about? What did it mean and how did it apply to the original hearers? What does it mean and how does it apply to us today? Some passages, like John 3:16, stand alone and are not dependent on context to be understood or applied. In other passages, however, if the context is not given adequate consideration, the text can be easily misunderstood, misapplied, or misused.

For example, in Matthew 19:21 Jesus said, "If you want to be perfect, go sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." So, if you want to be perfect and have treasure in heaven, you need to sell all your possessions and give the proceeds to the poor. After all, that's what Jesus said!

Well, He did say it, but not to you & me. The context reveals that this was a specific, isolated situation where Jesus was addressing the greed and covetousness of a rich young ruler. To take this verse out of context and use it as a proof-text would be to misuse and misapply the scriptures. This is not what we want to do!

Considering the scriptural setting of a text and keeping things in context helps us understand the intended meaning God would have us receive and enables us to make a proper application of the teaching in God's word. After all, we are commanded to "Study (give diligence; make every effort; exert oneself) to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing (handling aright; make a straight cut; dissect correctly) the word of truth" (2 Tim 2:15). May our reverence for God and our respect for His holy word motivate each one of us to do just that! (Ps 119; 105; Mt 4:4; Heb 4:12). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



Our Deepest Sympathy

Our sincerest condolences are extended to Paul & Diane and family as they mourn the recent death of Diane's brother, Raymond Bineau. May God's steadfast presence and tender compassion provide strength and comfort to these dear ones during this difficult time of grief and loss. †

😊 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. Please fill out a visitor's card before you depart.

Have a great week!



~ Announcements ~

- **Gospel Meeting *with* Brent Newton:**
September 15—18
- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:**
Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM.
All are welcome! ☺

September Birthdays

11th - Jason Kennedy
26th - Genesis Cuvellier
28th - Bethany Boucher



Gospel Meeting

September 15—18
with Brent Newton

“Life After Death”

*Invite your family,
friends and neighbors!*

SNACKS!

September 1: Pat
September 8: Connie

Contribution & Attendance

for August 25, 2019

Attendance — 24
Contribution — \$952

Order of Worship

September 1, 2019

*“Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let
us kneel before the LORD our Maker. For He
is our God, and we are the people of His
pasture, and the sheep of His hand.”*

- Psalm 95:6-7 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song — 256

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song — 338

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*
~ Hebrews 3:6, 14 ~

Song — 197

The Lord's Supper:
Paul Bullock & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song — 100

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
“Partakers of Christ”

Song — 613

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

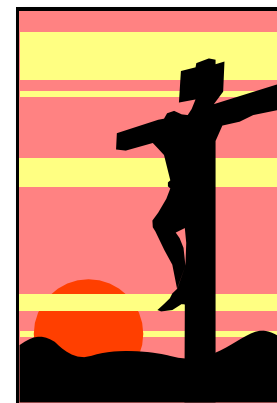
Alternate: *George Cuvellier*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Terry Kennedy*

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

## September 1, 2019

### Sunday Assembly Times:

9:30 am — Bible Class  
10:30 am — Worship  
6:00 — Bible Study

### Wednesday Assembly:

7:00 — Bible Study

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