



Prayer Requests:

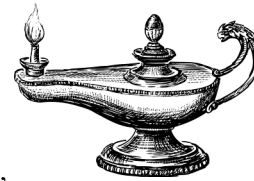
"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Corona Pandemic - its effect & overall impact on our lives, the nation and the world
- Diane Cote - kidney disease/ health concerns
- Genesis Cuvellier - healing from a bad fall which resulted in getting 3 stitches in his chin
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho (Cathy's nephew) - permanently disabled and in need of prayer
- Sandy Gagnon - ongoing health concerns
- Sandra (Glenda's aunt in California)- recovering from recent shoulder surgery
- Janice Grabowski - large growth on her neck
- Nancy Grant - upcoming surgeries
- Connie Henderson - recent chemotherapy went well; she will continue a regimen which hopefully will eradicate the remaining cancer
- Kayden Cote (Paul & Diane's grandson) - may need surgery to strengthen right eye muscles
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Joanne Neithercut - struggling with frequent bouts of depression
- George Nick - family issues & concerns
- Ernie Perry - arthritic back pain and COPD
- Norman Roy - prayers are needed for him & his family as his health continues to decline
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing bursitis & arthritis pain and ongoing anxiety attacks
- Lance Schmidt (Terry & Betty's grandson) - at Fort Leonard Wood, MO undergoing training as a Ground Transportation Technician-USAF
- Erik Wuelper - (friend of George Cuvellier) - prayers requested

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

Prepare for Eternity!



In Matthew 25:1-13, Jesus tells the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins who were waiting to meet the coming bridegroom. Five of the virgins were foolish because, although they did take their lamps, they "took no oil with them" (v. 3). The other five virgins were wise because they "took oil in their vessels with their lamps" (v. 4). This careful preparation of taking extra oil allowed the lamps belonging to the wise virgins to be burning and trimmed when the bridegroom finally arrived around midnight (vv. 6-7). In contrast, the lamps of the foolish virgins were by then going out (v. 8). While the foolish virgins went to buy more oil, "the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut" (vv. 9-10).

Due to their negligence and lack of preparation, the five foolish virgins had forever missed the opportunity to enter with the bridegroom. Once the door was shut, that was it. Jesus applies the teaching of the parable this way: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming" (v. 13). The Greek word translated "watch" literally means "to keep awake," and brings forth the idea of being alert and remaining vigilant.

Jesus taught that, "while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept" (v. 5). Then, at an unexpected moment, the cry was heard, "Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!" (v. 6). This can be likened to God saying, "This night your soul shall be required of you!" (Lk 12:20). This will happen either at the time of our death, or at the last trump of judgment when Christ, the heavenly Bridegroom, returns for his Bride, the church (Mt 24:30-31; 1 Cor 15:51-53; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Heb 9:27).

"But of that day and hour no one knows, no, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only," noted Jesus (Mt 24:36). "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming . . .

Therefore, you also be ready [prepared], for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect Him" (vv. 42, 44).

This short, temporal life is our only preparation period for eternity. Are you living in view of eternity and considering the destination of your soul? Benjamin Franklin once said, "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." May none of us ever "fail of the grace of God" (Heb 12:15). Rather, let us prepare for eternity, striving to be good and faithful servants for our Lord. "Blessed is that servant whom his Master, when He comes, will find so doing!" (Mt 24:46).

— 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

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

- Acts 4:12 -

☺ **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!*





Sept. 26th - Genesis Cuvellier



Today after services.
There's plenty for all.
Please stay for this
special time of food,
fun and fellowship!

*"...food which God created to be received with
thanksgiving by those who believe and
know the truth."* — 1 Timothy 4:3

Visits to Our Web Page

This Week: 6,011
This Month: 9,994



SNACKS!

Sept 13: Paula
Sept 20: Terry K

Attendance & Contribution for September 6, 2020

Attendance — 23
Contribution — \$490.

Order of Worship

September 13, 2020

*"Serve the LORD with gladness: come
before His presence with singing. Enter
into His gates with thanksgiving, and
Into His courts with praise: be thankful
unto Him, and bless His name."*

- Psalm 100:2, 4 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—282

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—590

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier*
~ Luke 12:16-21 ~

Song—48

The Lord's Supper:
Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

Song—100

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Characteristics of a Fool"

Song—593

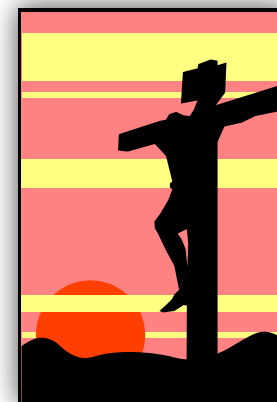
Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Paul Bullock

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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

### September 13, 2020

### 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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