



## 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
- 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 - continuing health concerns
- Sandra (Glenda's aunt in California) - recovering from recent shoulder surgery
- Janice Grabowski - large growth on her neck
- Connie Henderson - chemotherapy and blood transfusion on 8/13 went well; will have the second chemo treatment in three weeks
- Kayden (Paul & Diane's grandson) - having visual therapy on right eye to strengthen eye muscles; may need surgery if it doesn't work
- 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 - at home now, but in severe pain; pain meds being administered intravenously; prayers are needed for him and 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 Lackland AFB in San Antonio, TX undergoing basic training for the USAF
- Terry Schmidt - cataract surgery in left eye on 8/12 went well; thanks for your prayers!

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

## Second Class Citizens?

Over the years, I have heard some of our more ambitious, yet often discontented, sisters in Christ lament: "I feel like I am a second-class citizen in the kingdom of God." I have also heard this same charge repeated by their husbands in men's business meetings. The underlying impetus behind this disturbing statement lies in the fact that women are scripturally prohibited from leading in worship and cannot serve in the same ways as men. These sisters view their God-given role in the Lord's church as being restrictive and even repressive. This is regrettable. One wonders how some of our dear sisters in the first century viewed their role in the church and their service to God.

Worthy of praise and imitation are the grandmother and mother of the young evangelist, Timothy. The apostle Paul commends these godly women for their good spiritual example and positive influence on Timothy's sound faith. Paul fondly recounts: "I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded in you also" (2 Tim 1:5). The apostle further instructs the young evangelist, "But as for you, continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing of whom you have learned them, and that 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 3:14-15). Paul regarded the godly example and scriptural teaching of Lois and Eunice as being extremely important and decidedly praiseworthy. Do you think these women regarded themselves as "second-class citizens in the kingdom of God?" The fruit of their labor was a man of God, of whom Paul said, "I have no one else like him" [like-minded], "but you know his proven character, that as a son with is father, he served with me in the gospel" (Phil 2:20, 22).

God's faithful servant Phoebe is also worthy of mention. Again, the apostle Paul writes: "I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea, that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has —→

need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also" (Rom 16:1-2). It seems that Phoebe was the one entrusted by Paul to deliver his important letter to the church in Rome. In this one sentence, Paul expresses his genuine respect for this faithful sister, giving her high praise, and sincerely commending her work in serving the Lord's church. The word translated "helper" means that she not only cared for the affairs of others, but also personally aided them with her resources. As she regularly assisted those in need and steadfastly supported the work of the church, Phoebe clearly revealed a giving spirit and exhibited a servant's heart before all. This is not the insignificant, unappreciated contribution of a "second class citizen!"

We should also consider a "helper" (Gen 2:18), comparable and suitable to assisting her husband in his life and labors. The faithful sister Priscilla diligently worked alongside her husband Aquila in making tents (Acts 18:1-2), teaching the gospel (Acts 18:24-28), and having the church meet in their house (Rom 16:5; 1 Cor 16:19). With heartfelt gratitude, Paul warmly refers to them as "my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their own necks for my life" (Rom 16:3-4). He not only commends their faithful service, but their devotion and courage as well, affirming that all the churches of the Gentiles (and even Paul himself) owe them a debt of gratitude. Clearly, Priscilla was a well-known and effective worker in the early church, and the apostle's appreciation and praise are well deserved. Not what you would attribute to a "second class citizen!"

The truth is, our sisters in Christ are not "second class citizens in the kingdom of God." Men and women have equal standing before our heavenly Father. Women are absolutely equal to men, but they do not have the same God-given roles as men. God has given authority for leadership in the church to men (1 Cor 14:34-35; 1 Tim 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9). But the fact that God calls men to lead is not even a remote indication of a women's inferiority or a sister's inequality in the Lord's church. — Terry Schmidt ✍



**Welcome Visitors!**



*We are pleased to have you as our honored guest!*



August 21st - Paul Bullock  
August 22nd - Ernie Perry



"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

### Visits to Our Web Page

This Week: 3,302  
This Month: 11,189



**SNACKS!**

Aug 16: Cathy  
Aug 23: Pat

### Attendance & Contribution for August 9, 2020

Attendance — 18  
Contribution — \$515.

## Order of Worship

August 16, 2020

"What is it then? I will pray with the  
spirit, and I will pray with the  
understanding also: I will sing with  
the spirit, and I will sing with the  
understanding also."

- 1 Corinthians 14:15 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—114

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—338

Scripture Reading: *Paul Bullock*  
~ 1 Timothy 2:8-15 ~

Song—299

The Lord's Supper:  
*George Cuvellier & Ernie Perry*

Song—63

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"The Role of Women in the Church"  
(God's Word vs. Current Culture-Pt. 2)

Song—574

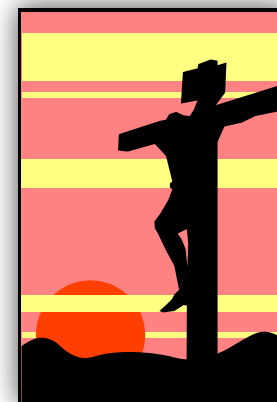
Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Jason Kennedy*

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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 -

**August 16, 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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