



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 - ongoing health concerns
- Janice Grabowski - large growth on her neck
- Connie Henderson - undergoing a continued regimen of chemotherapy which hopefully will eradicate the remaining cancer
- Bob Kenneth (friend of Terry & Betty) - fell recently, fracturing vertebrae; facing a long & painful recovery; prayers appreciated
- Mayvella Knight (Connie's foster sister) - lost her husband to cancer recently: is hurting and angry with God; needs our prayers
- 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
- Sandra (Glenda's aunt in California)- recovering from recent shoulder surgery
- Paul Small (Paul Cote's cousin) - battling stomach cancer; prayers needed
- Erik Wuelper - (friend of George Cuvellier) - pancreatic cancer; prayers requested

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

Spiritual Warfare



Although we may not think of it as often as we should, when we were baptized into Christ (Gal 3:37), we were automatically commissioned as soldiers in God's army. As such, we are called to "endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" and faithfully endeavor to please Him who enlisted us as a soldier (2 Tim 2:3-4). Different from typical conventional warfare, ours is a *spiritual* battle, fought in the *spiritual* realm with *spiritual* weaponry.

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal [fleshly—governed by mere human nature], but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds [reasonings by which one endeavors to fortify and defend his opinion/position], casting down arguments [philosophies hostile to the Christian faith] and every high thing [barricade, rampart, bulwark] that exalts itself [pridefully] against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor 10:3-5). Sometimes, we need to be reminded that this battle is real, relentless and ravaging. The *battle* is real, because the *enemy* is real. "Be sober [self-controlled]; be vigilant [alert]; because your adversary [your enemy] the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour [you!]" (1 Pet 5:8-9).

If you and I, mere mortal beings, hope to prevail in this struggle and emerge victorious, we need to be steadfast [unwaveringly committed] and morally strong. More specifically, we need to "be strong in the Lord and in the power of His *might*" (Eph 6:10). Because victory comes "not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit," says the LORD of hosts" (Zech 4:6). In our own strength, we are no match for Satan. So, we need all the help we can get! "Therefore, take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand" (v. 13). The whole armor of God, outlined in verses 14-18 of Ephesians 6, is what will enable us to "stand against the wiles [schemes, trickery, deceit] of the devil" (v. 11). For we are not (and *should* not be) ignorant of his devices [evil purposes].



If we are, Satan will surely gain an advantage over us (2 Cor 2:11).

There are times in this difficult struggle when the overwhelming odds definitely seem to be against us and we may wonder if we are losing the fight or, at the very least, losing ground. It's during these trying times, that we may be tempted to throw our hands up and surrender. Don't! Continue to courageously stand your ground and pray that "we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful, who will establish [strengthen] you and guard [protect] you from the evil one" (2 Thess 3:2-3). So, "fight the good fight of faith!" (1 Tim 6:12). And be always encouraged by the solid truth that the victory over evil has already been decisively won. "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" (1 Cor 15:57).

— 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 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!*





November 21st - Sandy Gagnon

November 24th - Glenda Castleberry

God moves in a powerful way through our prayers to accomplish great good in the lives of His people. One of the best ways to love others is to pray for them, because through our prayers we open the door to the help only God can provide. When we pray for others, we love them in His strength. For there is none greater or more loving than He.

(see Revelation 8:3-5)

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 4,082
This Month: 9,758



SNACKS!

Nov 15: Diane
Nov 22: Sandy

Attendance & Contribution for November 8, 2020

Attendance — 20
Contribution — \$487.

Order of Worship

November 15, 2020

"Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice you righteous; and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!"

- Psalm 32:11 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—257

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—561

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier*
~ Ephesians 6:10-13 ~

Song—322

The Lord's Supper:
Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

Song—63

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Spiritual Warfare"

Song—227

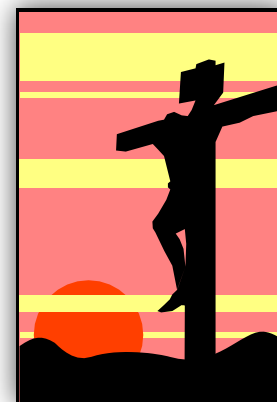
Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Paul Bullock

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Pat Miller*

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

## November 15, 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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