



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Glenda Castleberry - mourning the death of her aunt Mary Lou who passed away on 7/9
- 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
- Bill Ferrigno (friend of Terry S) - the lymphatic cancer is in remission; Thanks for the prayers
- 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 - ovarian cancer; surgery is scheduled for 7/20 to remove the remaining cancer after chemotherapy; prayers needed!
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- 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
- Jan Sampson - has had GI studies, ultrasound and biopsies revealing problems which have been addressed; now she needs to raise the iron levels in her blood and regain strength
- 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

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

## Is it Asking Too Much?



God, through the inspired prophet Micah, brings charges against Israel for violating the covenant they shared. Framed in a type of courtroom scene, God invites Israel to plead their case before him (Micah 6:1-8). But, they have no legitimate defense. While God had faithfully kept the covenant and upheld His responsibilities, Israel had forsaken Him and failed in their covenant obligations.

They went through the motions of keeping the ritual of religion (vv. 6-7), but their hearts were insincere and their worship hypocritical. Israel had seemingly forgotten all that God had done for them and were taking His blessings for granted. Because God was not a real part of their daily lives, they had become self-absorbed and self-serving. And this self-centeredness resulted in the emergence of ungodly attitudes and unrighteous behavior. They were dishonest, unfair and unkind in their dealings with others. Even as God's chosen people, they were virtually indistinguishable from the godless pagans around them.

While making sure to offer their burnt offerings and sacrifices, Israel had missed that which was most important to God. "And what does the Lord require of you, but to do justly (do what is honest, right & fair to others), to love mercy (show love, kindness & compassion toward others), and to walk humbly with your God" (v. 8). The word 'walk' signifies a close, intimate fellowship with God which assumes a right relationship with Him. Walking humbly has to do with willing obedient service to God in an attitude of submission, respect and reverence.

Even under the new covenant, the teachings of Jesus and the inspired New Testament writers mirror and support this Old Testament teaching (see Mt 5-7). This is what the Lord requires: "to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." And, is this asking too much? Are these unreasonable demands? Apparently for Israel, 700 years before Christ, they were. May it not be so with us.

By God's grace, baptized believers are now covered by the cleansing blood of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ (Eph 1:7; Col 1:14; Rev 1:5) and we enjoy the undeserved forgiveness of our sins (Rom 3:24-26; 5:8-9). But this blessed fellowship is contingent upon the fact that we maintain a penitent attitude, regularly confess our sins, and strive to walk in harmony with God's will (1 Jn 1:6-10). Does this describe your daily life? Does it describe you today? Let us remember, worship and morality cannot be divorced from each other, any more than what you do (your conduct & behavior) can be separated from who you are.

— 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

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*"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which 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!*





July 24th - Diane Cote



### *Our Deepest Sympathy*

Our sincerest condolences are extended to our sister *Glenda* as she mourns the death of her aunt, Mary Lou, who passed away on July 9th. May God's steadfast presence and tender compassion provide strength and comfort to her during this difficult time of grief and loss. †

### Visits to Our Web Page

This Week: 2,378  
This Month: 30,496



## *SNACKS!*

July 19: Betty  
July 26: Terry K

### *Attendance & Contribution for July 12, 2020*

Attendance — 14  
Contribution — \$200.

## Order of Worship

July 19, 2020

*"Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing."*

- Psalm 100:2 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—501

Opening Prayer: *George Cuvellier*

Song—127

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*  
~ Micah 6:1-8~

Song—322

The Lord's Supper:  
*Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry*

Song—100

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
*"What Does the LORD Require of You?"*

Song—185

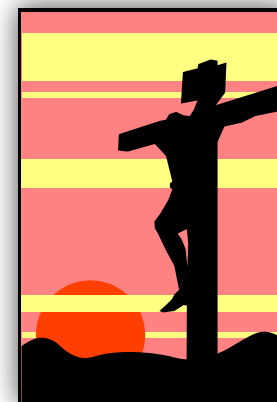
Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Paul Bullock*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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

## July 19, 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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