



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 - recent surgery to remove remaining ovarian cancer was successful; home now resting & healing; please pray for a quick and complete recovery
- 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 - undergoing cataract surgery in his left eye on 8/12; prayers appreciated

*"The prayer of the upright is His delight . . .
He hears the prayer of the righteous."*

~ Proverbs 15:8, 29 ~

Interpretation of Scripture



When theologians, scholars, preachers and Bible students refer to the interpretation of scripture, they often use the word *hermeneutics*. This is quite fitting because the word, derived from the Greek language, actually refers to the science, system, or method of interpretation. In fact, the root word *hermeneu*, itself a derivative of *Hermes* (the ancient Greek herald and messenger of the gods), literally means "to make clear, to interpret" (*Dictionary.com*). An excellent example of this is found in Nehemiah 8:8 where Ezra had the Law of God read in the sight and hearing of all the people. "So, they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense [interpretation; explanation] and helped them to understand the reading." This is what good teaching and preaching does!

Since becoming a Christian more than 40 years ago, I have appreciated the conservative, common-sense approach to the interpretation of scripture employed by churches of Christ. We endeavor to "speak where the Bible speaks and remain silent where the Bible is silent." We regard the New Testament as our only rule of faith and practice. We seek a "thus saith the Lord" when it comes to our worship and the practice of our faith. In other words, we respect the authority of God's word and seek scriptural authorization in all that we do.

Traditionally, our hermeneutic (which has been under intense attack in recent years), has been governed by these distinct elements: (1) Direct command ["This *do* in remembrance of Me" - Lk 22:19; 1 Cor 11:24-25], (2) Approved example ["Now on the first day of the week when the disciples came together to break bread" - Acts 20:7], and (3) Necessary inference [the disciples met on every first day of the week to partake of the Lord's Supper]. This is a very sound, reasonable and effective method of interpreting scripture which tends to err on the side of caution rather than license.

Contrast this hermeneutic with one maintaining: if scripture does not *specifically forbid* something, it is therefore authorized.

This is a very dangerous and irresponsible approach to scripture! Furthermore, it is presumptuous and disrespectful to the inherent authority of God's word. For example, when scripture specifies using unleavened bread for the Lord's Supper, there is no need to give a list of all forbidden items. This is merely an attempt to circumvent the authority of scripture and negate the impact of clear teaching. Those questioning and challenging the efficacy and validity of our hermeneutic have asked, "Where is your scriptural authority for having a building, song books, a pitch pipe, etc.?" The answer is: Any command given by God, authorizes what is needed to fulfill that command. God's word *is* the final authority in all matters of faith and practice.

It is incumbent upon each disciple to apply sound hermeneutic principles in order to responsibly and accurately interpret the Holy scriptures. This is why we are admonished: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing [handling aright; accurately; correctly] the word of truth" (2 Tim 2:15). As time goes on, this responsibility is becoming increasingly more important. Because sadly, many are not doing so. — **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 pleased to have you
as our honored guest!*



August 14th - Wayne Sampson
 August 21st - Paul Bullock
 August 22nd - Ernie Perry

Pot Luck Fellowship



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

Visits to Our Web Page

This Week: 5,657
 This Month: 7,887



SNACKS!

August 9: Paula
 Aug: 16: Cathy

Attendance & Contribution for August 2, 2020

Attendance — 18
 Contribution — \$705.

Order of Worship

August 9, 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—39

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—561

Scripture Reading: *Paul Bullock*
 ~ 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 ~

Song—278

The Lord's Supper:
George Cuvellier & Ernie Perry

Song—98

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

Song—84

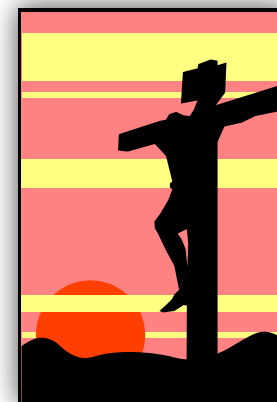
Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

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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 9, 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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