



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Billie Jo (Pat Miller's daughter) - recently hospitalized after suffering a nervous breakdown
- Corona Pandemic - its effect & overall impact
- Diane Cote - kidney disease/ health concerns
- Randy Cote - prayers for family problems
- 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) - recently diagnosed with lymphatic cancer
- Sandy Gagnon - health concerns
- Glenda's aunts in California:
 - Beverly - pacemaker & hip replacement
 - Mary Lou - kidney failure; now on dialysis
 - Sandra - recent shoulder surgery
- Erik Grabowski - painful tennis elbow
- Janice Grabowski - large growth on left side of her neck; also lost her job due to covid-19
- Connie Henderson - recently diagnosed with a fast-growing ovarian cancer; will undergo 3 rounds of chemotherapy over the next 12 weeks, most likely followed by major surgery
- Terry Kennedy - healing from recent right knee replacement surgery
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Raymond Lamb - stage 3 cancer
- Debbie McGarey (mother-in-law of Terry & Betty's daughter, Becky) - throat cancer
- Adam Neithercut - health concerns: covid-19
- George Nick - family issues & concerns
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy - at the Gosnell House in Scarborough in severe pain; pain meds being administered intravenously; prayers are needed
- Wayne Sampson - recovering from surgery on right shoulder; severe bursitis hip pain; also experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks

What Pleases the Lord May Not Always Please Us

Ephesians 5:10 instructs us to "prove what is acceptable to the Lord." The 1984 edition of the NIV reads: "find out what pleases the Lord." One place in Scripture where we are specifically told what pleases the Lord is in 1 Peter 2:19-20: "For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer for it, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God." Some versions translate "is commendable before God" as "pleases God."

Why is God pleased when we have to suffer unjustly and endure pain for doing good? Because, "to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 'Who committed no sin, nor was guile [deceit] found in his mouth,' Who, when He was reviled [insulted], did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously" (1 Peter 2:21-23).

Do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
(Ephesians 5:17)

When we are caused to suffer for doing good God is pleased, not because we are suffering, but because we endure it with a meek and gentle spirit, patiently and obediently, just as Christ our example did. God is pleased when we, in faithful obedience, yield to His will in these types of difficult circumstances (Mt 5:38-48). This kind of humble submission exalts Christ, glorifies God and sends a powerful, convicting message to those of the world.

While it is never pleasant, patiently bearing up under the pain of unjust suffering pleases God. This is why Peter encourages us to "rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. If you are reproached [insulted] for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busy-body in other people's matters. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter! " (1 Peter 4:13-16).

— Terry Schmidt ✍



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for APRIL

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Paul Cote

Opening Prayer: Jim Miller

Scripture Reading: George Cuvellier

Lord's Supper:

Paul Bullock & Ernie Perry

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Terry Schmidt

Alternate/fill-in: Wayne Sampson

Lord's Supper Prep: Betty 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

"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 -

~ Announcements ~

- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:**
Canceled until further notice due to the coronavirus pandemic

Happy Birthday!

April 2nd - Justin Kennedy



"I love the LORD because He has heard my voice and my supplications. Because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live."

(Psalm 116:1-2)

VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE

This Week: 3,143

This Month: 17,598



"Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to the words of knowledge."
(Proverbs 23:12)

Contribution & Attendance

for March 22, 2020

Attendance — 13

Contribution — N/A

Order of Worship

March 29, 2020

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light!"

- 1 Peter 2:9 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—188

Opening Prayer: *George Cuvellier*

Song—43

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*
~ 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7 ~

Song—322

The Lord's Supper:
Terry Schmidt & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song—656

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"The Will of God"

Song—599

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Paul Bullock

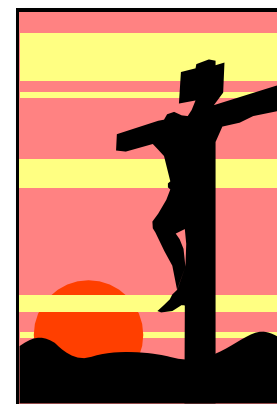
Alternate: *George Cuvellier*

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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 -

## March 29, 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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