



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 - procedure to clear a blocked carotid artery was successful; now healing
- 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 - at York Hospital again with various serious health concerns; very weak
- 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; recovering
- 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
- Jim Miller—at MMC due to an infected cyst on inside of right leg; wound is slowly healing
- Joanne Neithercut - struggling with frequent serious bouts of depression
- Adam (Joanne's 49 year-old son in Virginia) - suffering with Corona Virus; requests prayers
- 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
- Paul Small (Paul Cote's cousin) - battling stomach cancer; prayers needed
- Erik Wuelper - (friend of George Cuvellier) -

A Vessel Fit for the Master's Use



In 2 Timothy 2:20, the Apostle Paul uses a familiar metaphor to describe God's servants—*vessels*. The Zondervan Bible Dictionary defines the word "vessel" employed in this verse as "a person used as an instrument of God's will." That's a great definition! God desires to use us as vessels for His glory, as instruments in His hands to accomplish His good purpose.

Specifically in this verse, Paul contrasts two distinct categories of household vessels: those of gold and silver—for *honor* and those of wood and clay—for *dishonor*. There are not many of us who would desire to be included in the category of *dishonor*. Most, would definitely want to be included in the *honor* category. But in order for this to happen, we must cooperate with God and cleanse ourselves from something (v. 21).

"Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity" (v. 19). "Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart" (v. 22).

When we render obedience to God in this all important area of our lives, the Scripture says we will be "a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work" (v. 21). Now that's the category you and I want to be in! Vessels used as instruments of God's will to accomplish His good purpose and bring Him glory (Ephesians 3:20-21).

The Random House College Dictionary defines vessel as: "a container; a person regarded as a holder or receiver of a particular trait or quality." This too is a great definition! We are "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Pet 1:4), Christ lives in us (Gal 2:20), and we are to be "filled with the Spirit" (Eph 5:18).

In addition, according to 2 Corinthians 4:7, "We have this treasure in earthen vessels." And what is this treasure?

The preceding verses indicate that it is the saving gospel of Christ. Because we are privileged and entrusted with this precious treasure, it is imperative that we "cleanse ourselves" and become "a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work!"

— 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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WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for DECEMBER

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Paul Cote

Opening Prayer: Paul Bullock

Scripture Reading: Jim Miller

Lord's Supper:

George Cuvellier & Ernie Perry

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

Jason Kennedy

Lord's Supper Prep: Betty Schmidt



December 2nd - Erik Grabowski
 December 9th - Terry Schmidt
 December 16th - Brandon Kennedy
 December 23th - Catherine Cuvellier



Terry & Betty — December 6th

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 5,953
 This Month: 25,927



SNACKS!

Nov 29: Paula
 Dec 6: Terry K

Attendance & Contribution for November 22, 2020

Attendance — 20
 Contribution — \$577.

Order of Worship

November 29, 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—248

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—27

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier*
 ~ 2 Timothy 2:19-22 ~

Song—278

The Lord's Supper:
Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

Song—144

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
 ~ A Vessel Fit for the Master's Use ~

Song—53

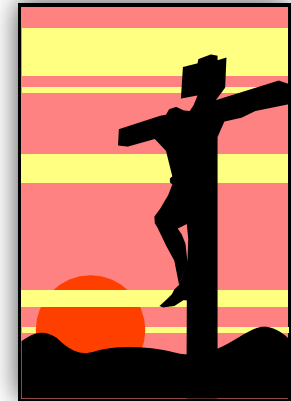
Announcements & Closing Prayer:
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Lord's Supper Prep: *Pat Miller*

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

## November 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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