



## 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
- Bill Ferrigno (friend of Terry S) - recently diagnosed with lymphatic cancer
- Sandy Gagnon - ongoing health concerns
- Glenda's aunts in California:
  - Mary Lou - kidney failure; now on dialysis
  - Sandra - recent shoulder surgery
- Janice Grabowski - large growth on her neck
- Connie Henderson - diagnosed with a fast-growing ovarian cancer; undergoing more chemo-therapy to further shrink tumors; most likely will undergo surgery to remove any remaining cancer; prayers appreciated!
- Ronnie Knoll (Sandy's stepson) - blood clots in both lungs are dissipating; thanks for prayers
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Debbie McGarey (mother-in-law of Terry & Betty's daughter, Becky) - throat cancer
- George Nick - family issues & concerns
- Ernie Perry - dealing with arthritic back pain and COPD issues
- 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 - recovering from surgery on right shoulder & torn right bicep tendon; a recent cortisone shot has brought relief to his severe bursitis hip pain; also experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks

## Speck Inspectors



The story is told of a visiting Army General who, while inspecting a military base, noticed an unbuttoned flap on the shirt of a lowly Private. Unwilling to let such an offense pass, and in order to impress upon others the need for strict adherence to policy, the General called the Private to attention before many onlookers. Standing right in front of him, and with all the authority he could muster, the General bellowed: "Private! Button the flap on the shirt pocket NOW!" The Private replied with great embarrassment, "Right now Sir, in front of everybody?" "Right HERE...right NOW, soldier!" blasted the imposing General. At that moment the Private, with hands visibly shaking, reached out and carefully fastened the unbuttoned flap on the General's shirt!

How easy it often is for us to see the flaws in others but not in ourselves! Jesus noted this tendency in Matthew 7:3-5 - "Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck out of your eye'; and, look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye; and then you will see clearly to remove the speck out of your brother's eye."

We get a distinct mental picture with the hyperbole (*a gross exaggeration for rhetorical effect*) Jesus uses here. Here's a person with flawed vision who can hardly see (impaired by the large plank in his eye), attempting to remove a tiny speck from his brother's eye. This is hypocritical because he is behaving as though he can see perfectly! Or, to put it another way, we should clean up our own backyard before attempting to renovate the neighborhood!

This judgmental attitude can lead to a critical, fault-finding spirit which is contrary to the Christian spirit. "Do not speak evil of (*talk against; defame; backbite; slander*) one another, brethren" (Jas 4:11). "Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned" (Jas 5:9).

To "grumble against" literally means "to groan or murmur" and has been translated as complain, slander and criticize.

In fact, the inspired apostle Paul instructs that we should "speak evil of no one, [but] be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men" (Titus 3:2). The phrase "speak evil of" is the Greek word *blasphemeo*, from which we get our English word "blaspheme." This powerful, penetrating word means "to vilify, speak reproachfully or disrespectfully, defame, rail against, revile, insult, abuse."

While we may fail in this area once in a while, this is not the behavior Christians should identify with, nor be guilty of consistently demonstrating. "Therefore, let us not judge (*try, condemn, punish*) one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way (Rom 14:13).

— 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!*





June 21st - *Connie Henderson*  
June 25th - *Georine Cuvellier*



Erik & Janice -- June 14th

## Men's Business Meeting



*There will be a short men's meeting after services today to review and approve the financial reports for the past 3 months.*

## SNACKS!

June 14: Jan  
June 21: Betty

*Attendance & Contribution*  
*for June 7, 2020*

Attendance — 18

Contribution — \$511

Contribution for 5/31 — \$333

## Order of Worship

June 14, 2020

*"God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him."*

- Psalm 89:7 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*  
~ 1 Corinthians 12:12- 20~

Song

The Lord's Supper:  
*George Cuvellier & Ernie Perry*

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"Three Harmful Hindrances  
To Proper Body Function"

Song

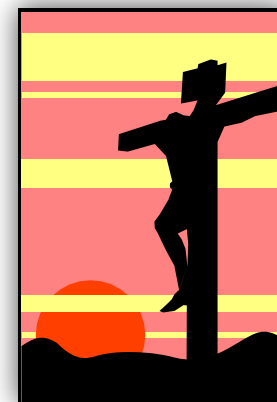
Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Paul Bullock*

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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 -

## June 14, 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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