



## 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 - ongoing health concerns
- 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; facing a long & painful recovery; prayers appreciated
- 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
- Joanne Neithercut - struggling with frequent bouts of depression
- 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
- Sandra (Glenda's aunt in California)- recovering from recent shoulder surgery
- Lance Schmidt (Terry & Betty's grandson) - completed Ground Transportation training and is now stationed at Hill AFB in Utah
- Paul Smith (Paul Cote's cousin) - battling stomach cancer; prayers needed
- Erik Wuelper - (friend of George Cuvellier) - pancreatic cancer; prayers requested

## The Paradox of Pride and Humility

**B**enjamin Franklin, the great American statesman, inventor, and author once noted: "In reality there is, perhaps, no one of our natural passions so hard to subdue as pride. Disguise it, struggle with it, stifle it, mortify it as much as one pleases, it is still alive. And it will, every now and then, peep out and show itself—for even if I could conceive that I have completely overcome it [pride], I should probably be proud of my humility."

Yes, pride is an ever present reality and a very real danger in our lives. Pride exalts "self," placing our selfish desires and demands first—before the needs or desires of others—and often at the expense of others. It is the one sin from which all other sins emanate. And humility is that seemingly elusive, seldom acquired virtue which does not come naturally to most of us. In fact, as soon as one realizes and acknowledges he has obtained it . . . he has in effect lost it!

The Scriptures admonish us not to be proud or conceited (Rom 12:3 & 16), but to humble ourselves before the Lord (Jas 4:10, 1 Pet 5:6). We are to strive for an attitude of humility in all that we do because, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (1 Pet 5:5). How then is this accomplished?

It is accomplished by truly submitting ourselves to God—by putting Him first in our lives, above all else (Matt 6:33; Jas 4:6-8). As John the Baptist rightly affirmed: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (Jn 3:30). When Christ is exalted in our lives as Lord and Master, "self" is relegated to its rightful place as servant, pride (putting self first) is crucified, and the virtue of genuine humility is the natural and inevitable result.

The paradox in all this is that when we truly *humble ourselves*, we are actually *exalted by God* (Lk 14:11; Jas 4:10). But when we choose to exalt ourselves (pride), we need to know that we will indeed be brought low and humbled by God (Lk 18:14; Pr 16:18).

"For the LORD of hosts will have a day of reckoning against everyone who is proud and lofty, and against everyone who is lifted up [exalted], that he may be abased" [humbled] (Is 2:12 – NASB). "Therefore, submit to God" (Jas 4:7), and "humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up!" (Jas 4:10).

— Terry Schmidt ✍



## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for **NOVEMBER**

*Preaching:* Terry Schmidt

*Song Leader:* Paul Cote

*Opening Prayer:* Jim Miller

*Scripture Reading:* George Cuvellier

*Lord's Supper:*

Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

*Announcements & Closing Prayer:*

Paul Bullock

*Lord's Supper Prep:* Pat Miller

**"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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October 28th — Terry Kennedy



Jason & Paula — October 25th



*“A man’s pride shall bring him low,  
but honor shall uphold the humble  
in spirit.” — Proverbs 29:23*

### Visits to Our Web Page

This Week: 7,924  
This Month: 32,802



## SNACKS!

Oct 25: Pat  
Nov 1: Glenda

### Attendance & Contribution for October 18, 2020

Attendance — 17  
Contribution — \$335.

## Order of Worship

October 25, 2020

*“O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee,  
I will praise thy name; for thou hast done  
wonderful things; thy counsels of old  
are faithfulness and truth.”*

- Isaiah 25:1 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—592

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song—255

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*  
~ Jeremiah 9:23-24 ~

Song—297

The Lord’s Supper:  
*Paul Bullock & Ernie Perry*

Song—100

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
“The Problem of Pride”

Song—613

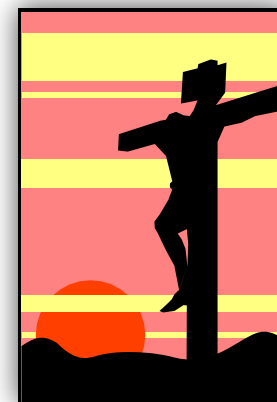
Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*George Cuvellier*

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Lord’s Supper Prep: *Sandy Gagnon*

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

## October 25, 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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