



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
- Paul Small (Paul Cote's cousin) - battling stomach cancer; prayers needed
- Erik Wuelper - (friend of George Cuvellier) - pancreatic cancer; prayers requested

"Pray without ceasing." — 1 Thess 5:17

The Practice & Process of Self-examination (from Psalm 19:12-14)

If, while enjoying a pleasant drive down our spacious highways and byways, you were to keep a constant check on your speed, or you made sure to set your "cruise control" at the current speed limit, what would be your chances of getting pulled over by a patrol officer for speeding? The obvious answer is: *quite nil*. We have periodical physicals to check out the workings of our bodies and yearly inspections on our automobiles for the same reason. The purpose of these examinations is to detect existing or potential problems and then take the required action, or implement the necessary procedures to correct them. If this type of examination is not done on a routine basis, little problems can easily (and sometimes quickly), become BIG problems.

After thoughtfully considering the majesty and awesomeness of God's marvelous creation, followed by His *perfect, sure, right, pure, clean, true* and *righteous* word (which is *sweet* to the taste, more *precious* than gold, and will endure *forever*), the psalmist David was driven to do some serious soul-searching and self-examination (Ps 19). This is the effect the "*living and powerful*" word of God has on us, because it is "*sharper than any two-edged sword*" and "*is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart*" (Heb 4:12).

David begins his spiritual self-examination by first looking at secret faults. We don't always sin willfully & deliberately. Sometimes we sin ignorantly & unknowingly. We "miss the mark." As Romans 3:23 says: "*We sin and fall short of the glory of God.*" It's not that we always *want* or *try* to sin. These are faults that may be hidden or unknown *even* to oneself. The Old Law made provision for accidental or unintentional sins (Lev 4:2; Num 15:22-24). Under the New Testament, the blood of Jesus Christ covers our unintentional sins (1 Jn 1:7).

Next, David examines his life for presumptuous sins. This refers to willful, deliberate sins in contrast to those committed ignorantly or unknowingly.

The word here literally means: "arrogant, insolent, proud"—even to the point of being defiantly or rebelliously proud. These are sins prompted by pride that could lead to an inner defiance, and then outward rebellion towards the will of God, through deliberate disobedience.

David now narrows the inspection even further by examining his speech—*what* he says and *how* he says it. In doing so, he has identified a major area where you & I sin and often get into trouble. As the scripture says: "*Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from troubles!*" (Pr 21:23). Amen?

Finally, the inspired Psalmist gets to the heart of the matter by examining the heart—the *source* of all our sin problems. Specifically, this represents our thought-life, the *way* we think, and *what* we think about. This has to do with the *inner* man, the mind, the will, the understanding. And it reaches down into the very depths of our conscience and moral character.

David's practice and process of self-examination provides you & me with an excellent example, as well as an effective guide to follow. The powerful & penetrating influence of God's word has caused the Psalmist to examine himself with increasing thoroughness and intensity. Scripture admonishes that we are to spiritually examine ourselves as to whether we are in the faith. We are to *prove* and *test* ourselves (2 Cor 13:5). And, thankfully, we are to do this type of soul-searching and spiritual introspection each Lord's Day when we partake of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11:28). This is a good thing. "*For if we would judge [examine] ourselves, we would not be judged!*" (1 Cor 11:31). — Terry Schmidt ✍

☺ 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!*





November 21st - Sandy Gagnon

November 24th - Glenda Castleberry



We will enjoy our potluck fellowship today after services. There's plenty for all. Please stay for this special time of food, fun and fellowship! ☺

"...food which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth." — 1 Timothy 4:3

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 5,676
This Month: 5,676



SNACKS!

Nov 8: Potluck
Nov 15: Diane

*Attendance & Contribution
for November 1, 2020*

Attendance — 20
Contribution — \$858.

Order of Worship

November 8, 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—154

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—43

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier*
~ Psalm 19:12-14 ~

Song—252

The Lord's Supper:
Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

Song—111

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"God's Worker"

Song—98

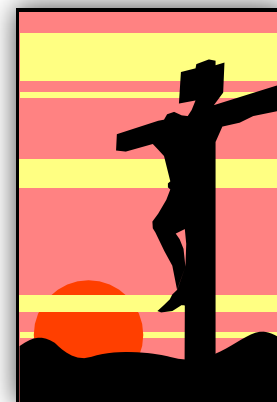
Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Paul Bullock

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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 -*

## November 8, 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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