



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
- Genesis Cuvellier - healing from a bad fall which resulted in getting 3 stitches in his chin
- 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
- Sandra (Glenda's aunt in California)- recovering from recent shoulder surgery
- Janice Grabowski - large growth on her neck
- Nancy Grant - upcoming surgeries
- Connie Henderson - recent chemotherapy went well; she will continue a regimen which hopefully will eradicate the remaining cancer
- Kayden Cote (Paul & Diane's grandson) - may need surgery to strengthen right eye muscles
- 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
- Lance Schmidt (Terry & Betty's grandson) - at Fort Leonard Wood, MO undergoing training as a Ground Transportation Technician-USAF
- Erik Wuelper - (friend of George Cuvellier) - pancreatic cancer; prayers requested

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

The Transformed Life



As disciples of Christ, we are admonished: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Rom 12:2). The word *conformed* means "to fashion alike" – to fashion one's mind and character according to another's pattern. Simply put, we are not to be like those of the world, who follow the world's ways and adhere to its value system.

Rather, we are to be *transformed*. The Greek word here is *metamorphoo*, the root from which we get our English word metamorphosis. It literally means to transfigure or change into another form. *Webster's Dictionary* defines the word this way: "to change in an important and obvious way into something that is very different; to change strikingly the appearance or character of." This is the intensity of the change that is to occur in the Christ-follower!

This change can be likened to the metamorphosis from a caterpillar to a butterfly. Even a casual observer is able to tell the difference between the two, because of their dissimilar appearance. The same should be true of the Christian. Even a casual observer should be able to recognize from the Christian's conduct and manner of life that they are very unlike those of the world (Mt 5:16; 1 Pet 2:11-12). In fact, Jesus said, "By this will all know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:35).

Also, the butterfly will see things very differently than the caterpillar. Because he no longer crawls along the ground, but flutters and flies through the air, he has a totally different point of view than the caterpillar. The Christian does too. Because he is a new creation in Christ (2 Cor 5:17), he now sees things through spiritual eyes—with a new and different perspective! (1 Cor 2:10-16; 2 Cor 4:16-18).

How is this amazing transformation accomplished? By the renewing of our minds! (Rom 12:2).

When we regularly study the living and powerful word of God (Mt 4:4; Heb 4:12), the word of Christ will dwell in us richly in all wisdom (Col 3:16) and the truth we learn changes us as we are renewed in the spirit of our minds. We "put off" the old man and "put on the new man which was created according to God, in righteousness and true holiness" (Eph 4:20-24).

As the Holy Spirit works through the word of God, "we all, with unveiled face, behold as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, *are being transformed* into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord!" (2 Cor 3:18).

— Terry Schmidt ✍



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for OCTOBER

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Paul Cote

Opening Prayer: Jason Kennedy

Scripture Reading: Jim Miller

Lord's Supper:

Paul Bullock & Ernie Perry

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

George Cuvellier

Lord's Supper Prep: Sandy Gagnon

😊 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!





Paul & Mary — October 3rd
Wayne & Jan — October 9th



We will enjoy our potluck fellowship on Sunday, October 11th, after services. Please make plans to 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

This Week: 6,608
 This Month: 22,304



SNACKS!

Sept 27: Jan
 Oct 4: Betty

Attendance & Contribution for September 20, 2020

Attendance — 20
 Contribution — \$366.

Order of Worship

September 27, 2020

"Serve the LORD with gladness: come before His presence with singing. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and Into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name."

- Psalm 100:2, 4 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—231

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—522

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier*
 ~ 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 ~

Song—574

The Lord's Supper:
Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

Song—98

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"A More Excellent Way!"

Song—261

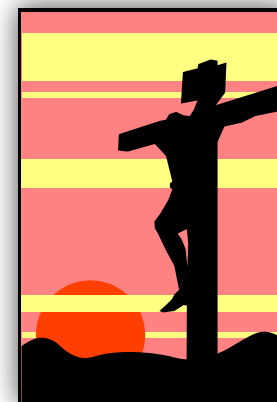
Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Paul Bullock

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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

### September 27, 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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