



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 - continuing health concerns
- Sandra (Glenda's aunt in California)- recovering from recent shoulder surgery
- Janice Grabowski - large growth on her neck
- Connie Henderson - 7/20 surgery to remove remaining ovarian cancer was successful; home now resting & healing; please pray for a quick and complete recovery
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- George Nick - family issues & concerns
- Ernie Perry - arthritic back pain and COPD
- 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
- Jan Sampson - GI studies, ultrasounds and biopsies revealed problems which have been addressed; she now needs to raise the iron levels in her blood and regain her strength
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing bursitis & arthritis pain and ongoing anxiety attacks
- Lance Schmidt (Terry & Betty's grandson) - at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, TX undergoing basic training for the USAF
- Terry Schmidt - undergoing cataract surgery in his left eye on 8/12; prayers appreciated

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

Does Culture Dictate Doctrine? Define Worship?

One of the arguments used to support the idea of having women lead in worship and serve as elders, deacons and preachers is that our modern culture is much different from that of the first century when these restrictions were imposed. In the first century, women were ranked slightly above the status of slaves. They had no rights, were not allowed to be educated and typically did not work outside the home. However, in today's modern society, we find women being doctors, lawyers, judges, law enforcement officers, CEO's of companies, mayors of cities, governors of states, and even candidates for President of the United States. Would it not logically follow then, that women should be permitted to assume leadership positions in the Lord's church? When presented this way, the argument may *sound* reasonable, but does New Testament teaching sanction and support this view?

For those who regard the word of God as the final authority in all matters of faith and practice, this question is settled in 1 Timothy 2:11-14. In this text, the apostle Paul stresses humble "submission" on the part of women in the assembly (in contrast to self-assertiveness) and that they are not to "teach or to have authority over a man." Some would attribute this prohibition to the customs of first century culture and maintain that it no longer applies to women of today. But, to support his teaching on this vital topic, the inspired apostle goes all the way back to the beginning—to the order of creation—and the Creator's original design and intent.

"For Adam was formed first, then Eve" (v. 13). This gave man priority in the creation. Adam was formed first from "the dust of the ground" (Gen 2:7), but Eve, the mother of all living (Gen 3:20), was formed from a rib that the Lord God had taken out of man (Gen 2:21-23). This is why "the head of woman is man" (1 Cor 11:3), for in the beginning when they were created, "man was not from woman, but woman from man. Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man" (1 Cor 11:8-9).

Indeed, the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper (not an inferior!) comparable to (suitable for) him" (Gen 2:18). Thus, in this important role, Eve would have feminine characteristics as a wife, and would bear and nurture children as a mother.

In the Timothy text, Paul goes on to say, "And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression" (v. 14). When the woman went beyond her God-given role as Adam's helper, acting independently and taking the lead, the results were not good. Sin entered the world and has been here ever since. For the inspired apostle, this citing of the Genesis account (not cultural concerns) is what disqualifies women for leading in worship and serving as elders, deacons and preachers. This text, along with others in the New Testament, reveals that God has given authority for leadership in the church to men (1 Cor 14:34-35; 1 Tim 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9). In contrast to the impact and influence of our current culture, the Bible teaches that men are to lead in worship and elders, deacons and preachers are to be men. Women are not to teach in a mixed assembly where men are present, nor assume leadership positions in the Lord's church.

— 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 pleased to have you as
our honored guest!*





August 14th - Wayne Sampson
 August 21st - Paul Bullock
 August 22nd - Ernie Perry



Paul & Diane — August 3rd

Visits to Our Web Page

This Week: 2,230
 This Month: 2,230



SNACKS!

August 2: Jan
 August 9: Paula

Attendance & Contribution for July 26, 2020

Attendance — 17
 Contribution — \$352.

Order of Worship

August 2, 2020

“What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.”

- 1 Corinthians 14:15 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—273

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—43

Scripture Reading: *Paul Bullock*
 ~ Galatians 3:26-29 ~

Song—321

The Lord's Supper:
George Cuvellier & Ernie Perry

Song—656

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
 “The Role of Women in the Church”
 (God's Word vs. Current Culture)

Song—84

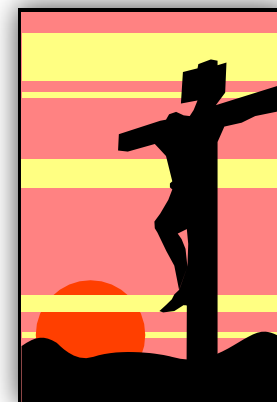
Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Terry Kennedy*

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

## August 2, 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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