



## 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 - scheduled for surgery on March 25 for a stent in her leg and then on March 31 to correct a collapsed artery in her neck
- Cathy Cuvellier - prayers requested for her job situation which is uncertain at this point
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Erik Grabowski - dealing with a painful heel spur on his right foot
- Janice Grabowski - large growth on her neck; also dealing with pancreatitis & fibromyalgia
- Connie Henderson - undergoing an aggressive regimen of chemotherapy which hopefully will eradicate the remaining cancer; a recent CTSCAN revealed that the chemo is working
- Mayvella Knight (Connie's foster sister) - lost her husband to cancer recently; struggling
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Jim Miller - underwent a successful triple-bypass surgery on March 18; now recovering in ICU; prayers needed and appreciated
- Joanne Neithercut - struggling with frequent serious 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
- Paul Small (Paul Cote's cousin) - battling stomach cancer; prayers needed

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

## The Worth of a Soul



**I**n Matthew 16:26, the Lord Jesus Christ asks two profound and penetrating questions: *"For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"* These are actually rhetorical questions. Most would agree that there is nothing of greater value than one's own eternal soul and that losing one's soul would represent the ultimate loss.

The Psalmist gives us some help in calculating the value of one's soul. *"They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; none of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: For the redemption of their soul is precious"* (Psalm 49:6-8).

Only the sinless Son of God, *"who gave Himself a ransom for all"* (1 Timothy 2:6) could pay the price to redeem our souls from the clutches and consequences of sin. *"Christ Himself carried our sins in His body to the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. It is by his wounds that you have been healed. You were like sheep that had lost their way, but now you have been brought back to follow the Shepherd and Keeper of your souls"* (1 Peter 2:24-25 - GNB).

God regards our souls as precious, and has done all He can do to insure that our souls will not be lost for an eternity in Hell (John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Of course, we have a part to play in our salvation as well, *"seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the truth"* (1 Peter 1:22). When we obey the truth of the gospel message, we are then made free from sin (because of Christ's sacrifice – 2 Corinthians 5:14-21) and become servants of righteousness (Rom 6:16-18).

The worth of a soul? In God's estimation, priceless! Is it any wonder Solomon said, *"He who wins souls is wise"* (Pr 11:30). And James adds, *"Let him know, that he who converts the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death"* [eternal separation from God] (Jas 5:20).

— Terry Schmidt ✍

# Welcome Spring

*For, lo, the winter is past,  
The rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth;  
The time of singing has come!*

— Song of Solomon 2:11-12



**"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!*



## ~ Announcements ~

- **Men's Business & Budget Meeting:** directly after services
- **Ladies' Meeting:** after services



### Bring the Candles

Abraham Davenport served as Speaker of the Connecticut House of Representatives. One day in 1789, the skies of Hartford darkened ominously and some of the representatives feared "the end" was at hand. Suppressing the uproar for an immediate adjournment, Davenport rose and said, "The Day of Judgment is either approaching or it is not. If it is not, there is no cause for adjournment. If it is, I choose to be found doing my duty! Therefore, I wish that candles be brought." God's word affirms that the Day of Judgment will one day appear. When it does, how will the Lord find you? *"Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: . . . blessed are those servants."* — Luke 12:37-38

### Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 8,175  
This Month: 24,272



## SNACKS!

Mar 21: Glenda  
Mar 28: Betty

### Attendance & Contribution for March 14, 2021

Attendance — 18  
Contribution — \$552.

## Order of Worship

March 21, 2021

*"O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms."*

- Psalm 95:1-2 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—652

Opening Prayer: *Paul Bullock*

Song—346

Scripture Reading: *Erik Grabowski*  
~ Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7 ~

Song—322

The Lord's Supper:  
*Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry*

Song—361

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"The Worth of a Soul"

Song—561

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*George Cuvellier*

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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 -*

## March 21, 2021

### 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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