



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Glenda Castleberry - ongoing health concerns; recently moved to Kentucky with her daughter Leah to be with family; prayers appreciated
- Corona Pandemic - its effect & overall impact on our lives, the nation and the world
- Diane Cote - left leg wound is healing slowly and her leg is getting better; also has other ongoing health concerns
- Paul Cote - now a resident at Seal Rock Health Care in Saco; thank you for your prayers
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Janice Grabowski - suffering from chronic pancreatitis & fibromyalgia
- Jim Miller - had successful surgery on 10/8 to again attempt to stabilize his sternum (had triple-bypass surgery on 3/18); pray that this will allow the sternum to finally heal properly
- Pat Miller - suffering with a serious bout of diverticulitis; your prayers are appreciated
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Ernie Perry - arthritic back pain and COPD
- Norman Roy - prayers needed for him & his family as his weak & frail condition continues
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing bursitis and arthritis pain, with ongoing anxiety attacks
- Paul Small (Paul Cote's cousin) - has stomach cancer
- Erik Wuelper - has pancreatic cancer
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today

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

Chameleons & Lemmings

Chameleons are generally known for their ability to change color. This unique characteristic enables them to blend in with their surroundings, providing camouflage to protect them against predators.

Lemmings are known for their propensity to follow the crowd, sometimes even running off cliffs *en masse* to their deaths. Metaphorically, a lemming is one having no individuality. One who does not think for himself, but mimics the actions of others and parrots the popular message of the prevailing majority.

As Christians, we cannot afford to simply blend in with our surroundings. We are called to be the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world" (Mt 5:13-16). Our godly influence and Christian example should be obvious to those around us and bring honor and glory to God (1 Pet 2:12).

Nor can we be content to follow the crowd and parrot the popular cultural message of the prevailing majority. We are called to "preach the gospel" (Mk 16:15), "teach all nations" (Mt 29:19-20), to actively share our faith (Philemon 6), "be ready always to give an answer" (1 Pet 3:15), "correct those who are in opposition" (2 Tim 2:24-26), and to speak the truth in love (Eph 4:15).

Jesus said, "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Mt 7:13-14). The majority is *never* a good gauge for decision-making, nor is it a proper model for behavior. So, "strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able" (Jesus - Lk 13:24).

As followers of Jesus, may we live lives that are different and distinct from the world (Rom 12:2; 1 Jn 2:15-17), always striving to display a godly example in all we say and do. And may our Christian conduct effectively influence those around us for Christ! — **Terry Schmidt**

Examine Yourself!

Most would agree that, in times past, it was much more difficult to be a Christian than it is today. Well, at least here in the United States. In days of old, and even today in different nations, being a follower of Jesus could cost you your life. But, because we live in such a permissive and pluralistic society, Christianity comes rather easy to us. Consequently, we find it easy to answer such hypothetical questions as, "Would you be willing to die for the Lord?" We can quickly respond by saying, as did Peter, "Yes, I would die for the Lord!" However, because most of us will probably never be asked to do such a thing, it's rather easy for us to say. But, may we all be challenged with this probing thought: If you can say that you would be willing to die for Jesus, that's wonderful. But until you're called upon to do so, would you at least be willing to live for him?



"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! ☺

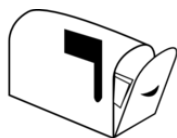




October 28 - Terry Kennedy



Jason & Paula — October 25th



Change of Address

The temporary address for Glenda is:

Glenda Castleberry
c/o Cynthia Castleberry
245B Arkansas Avenue
Oak Grove, KY 42262

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 11,995
This Month: 18,212



SNACKS!

Oct 17: Diane
Oct 24: Terry K

Attendance & Contribution
for October 17, 2021

Attendance — 20
Contribution — \$580.

Order of Worship

October 17, 2021

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

- Colossians 3:16 -

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—59

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song—575

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*
~ 1 Corinthians 6:1-8 ~

Song—99

The Lord's Supper:
George Cuvellier & Ernie Perry

Song—185

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"The Christian's Rights"

Song—98

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

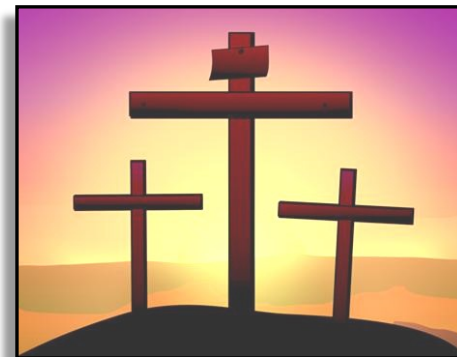
Alternate: *Jim Miller*

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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 -

## October 17, 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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