



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 - dealing w/ various health issues
- 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 - cardiac catheterization revealed that open-heart surgery is necessary, with the date still to be determined; undergoing an Arterial Blood Gas test & breathing test on Tuesday, March 2nd; prayers are 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

Temptation

Jesus taught, "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matt 26:41). Temptation can be simply and generally defined as an enticement to sin. This does not come from God. "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God;' for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone (James 1:13). Temptation comes from the master tempter (Matt 4:3; 1 Thess 3:5), also known as "the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan" (Rev 20:2). And we are not to be "ignorant of his devices" (2 Cor 2:11).



James provides a good understanding of the mechanics and method of temptation (James 1:14-15). Satan appeals to our lust (a wrong desire; a longing for what is forbidden). He seeks to entice, draw us away and lead us on by exciting our desire, using an attractive lure, which promises pleasure or some other reward. Thayer notes that the metaphor of being drawn away and enticed "is taken from hunting and fishing: as game is lured from its covert, so man by lust is allured from the safety of self-restraint to sin." To effectively counter this ever-present threat, Jesus tells us to "watch and pray."

To "watch" means to remain alert, keeping your spiritual guard up. Ephesians 5:15 says, "See then that you walk circumspectly" (carefully, attentively, looking around in all directions—360 degrees). In other words, we are to maintain our spiritual vigilance at all times, being quick to detect temptation when it comes our way.

Watching helps us *recognize* temptation, praying helps us *resist* it. When we pray, we are saying (without actually verbalizing it) that we depend on God and seek His wisdom, guidance and strength. "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might" (Eph 6:10). When we pray, we are accessing the power of Almighty God! This is why "Satan trembles when he sees, the weakest saint upon his knees!"

Jesus acknowledges that our flesh is weak and makes allowance for this. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). "For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust" (Psalm 103:14).

Because we are so susceptible to being enticed to sin, Jesus admonishes, "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matt 26:41). He *knows* that our flesh is weak. You and I just need be sure that our spirit is indeed willing!

— Terry Schmidt ✍



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for MARCH

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Paul Cote

Opening Prayer: Paul Bullock

Scripture Reading: Erik Grabowski

Lord's Supper:

Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

George Cuvellier

Lord's Supper Prep: Betty 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



In 1866, as the Union Pacific Railroad was being constructed, an elaborate trestle bridge was built across a large canyon at Dale Creek, Wyoming. The impressive structure was 650 feet long and rose 150 feet up from the bottom of the canyon. Wanting to test the bridge, the builder loaded a train with enough extra cars and equipment to double its normal payload. The train was then driven to the middle of the bridge, where it sat for an entire day. One worker asked, "Are you trying to break this bridge?" "No," the builder replied, "I'm trying to prove that the bridge won't break." In the same way, the temptations Jesus faced were not designed to see if He would sin, but to prove that He couldn't (Mt 4:1-11). "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin" (Heb 4:15).

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 5,708
This Month: 19,804



SNACKS!

Feb 28: Jan
Mar 7: Cathy

Attendance & Contribution for February 21, 2021

Attendance — 18
Contribution — \$539.

Order of Worship

February 28, 2021

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

- Hebrews 10:24-25 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—59

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song—561

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*
~ Genesis 3:1-6 ~

Song—301

The Lord's Supper:
George Cuvellier & Ernie Perry

Song—98

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Overcoming Temptation"

Song—111

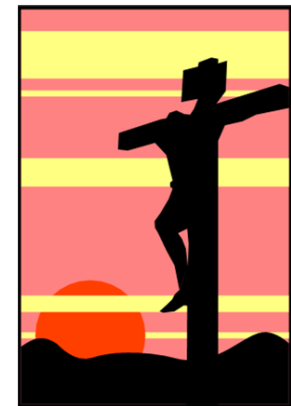
Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Paul Bullock

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Paula Kennedy*

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

## February 28, 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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