



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 - had surgery on 8/11 to place a stent in her left leg to facilitate blood flow to her foot in order to heal a long-time wound; also, other ongoing health concerns
- Paul Cote - now at the Gosnell Hospice House in Scarborough; hoping to be admitted to Seal Rock in Saco soon; please keep the prayers coming for Paul & Diane
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Janice Grabowski - suffering from chronic pancreatitis & fibromyalgia
- Jim Miller - having surgery on September 21 to place steel plates in his sternum to stabilize his chest (had triple-bypass surgery on 3/18), and allow the sternum to finally heal properly
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Ernie Perry - arthritic back pain and COPD
- Norman Roy - prayers needed for him & his family as his condition worsens
- 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

*"The prayer of the upright is His delight . . .
He hears the prayer of the righteous."*

~ Proverbs 15:8, 29 ~

God's Way is the Best Way



It began all the way back in the Garden of Eden. God's way had been clearly defined: "And the Lord God commanded the man saying, 'Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die'" (Gen 2:16-17). So, God's way was for Adam & Eve and their offspring to live comfortably in paradise, having continuous, intimate fellowship with Him. In this perfect habitat, they had access to every tree in the garden. Except one. Well, that shouldn't be a problem ... should it? It was. Seemingly not satisfied with God's way, Adam & Eve chose to go their *own* way, with disastrous results. Man's way had brought physical death, deterioration, decay, pain, suffering and sin into the world.

Why is it that man seems to think he knows better than his Creator? Why do men and women have the oft-repeated tendency to forsake or ignore God's way and go their own way? Part of the reason could be that man, with his self-centered, self-absorbed, finite mind, believes that God is just like him. But Almighty God is not like us!

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." (Is 55:8-9).

At times, man may *think* that he knows better than his all-wise, all-knowing Creator. But the Bible instructs: "There is a way that *seems* right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Pr 14:12; 16:25). In some cases, man's sophisticated self-proclaimed enlightenment may lead him to believe that there is no God. But this is a severely flawed premise. Scripture says: "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Ps 53:1).

The self-existing, eternal One who created us knows us best and knows what is best for us. So, whenever we begin to presume that we may know

more than God and are tempted to go our own way, we would be wise to defer to His wise judgment and yield our wills to His. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" (Pr 3:5-6). God's way is always the best way! — **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



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for **SEPTEMBER**

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Opening Prayer: Erik Grabowski

Scripture Reading: Jason Kennedy

Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

George Cuvellier

Alternate: Jim Miller

Lord's Supper Prep: Jan Sampson

☺ **Welcome Visitors!** ☺

We are glad to have you as our honored guests!



September 11th - Jason Kennedy
September 26th - Genesis Cuvellier



Our potluck fellowship for September will be a cookout at the Kennedy's on Sunday the 5th. Burgers, dogs, buns and the fixin's will be provided. Please check with Jason & Paula to find out what items you can bring.

"...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

Last Week: 5,166
This Month: 23,294

SNACKS!

Aug 29: Jan
Sep 5: Terry K

Attendance & Contribution for August 22, 2021

Attendance — 17
Contribution — \$941.

Order of Worship

August 29, 2021

"You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

- 1 Peter 2:9 -

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—477

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song—40

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*
~ Ruth 3:1-5 ~

Song—287

The Lord's Supper:
Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

Song—199

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Ruth's Appeal to Boaz"

Song—100

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jim Miller

Alternate: *George Cuvellier*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Pat Miller*

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

## August 29, 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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