



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
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Family of Sandy Gagnon - mourning the death of their loved one, Sandy
- 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; currently experiencing a lot of pain; prayers needed
- Mayvella Knight (Connie's foster sister) - lost her husband to cancer recently; is hurting and angry with God; needs our prayers
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Becky McGarey (Terry & Betty's daughter) - being treated for a painful stomach ulcer
- Jim Miller - cardiac catheterization scheduled for Feb 10th; stints a possibility; skin graft would be delayed 6 mos. if stints are placed
- 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
- Erik Wuelper - pancreatic cancer

Forks in the Road

Yogi Berra is credited with saying: "When you come to a fork in the road, take it." Oh, if it were only that simple! When faced with the decisions of life, choosing the right or best solution is not always easy. As we travel down the highway of life, we are bombarded by billboards with appealing ads and attractive enticements, each vying for our attention, patronage and loyalty. Not all these are bad. Some can be beneficial. But, many promise *much* and deliver *little*, leaving us empty and no better off than we were before.



Deciding which way to go at the fork is often difficult. One way may seem good, appealing and pleasant, but have at its end a destination that is highly undesirable. "There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25). The other way may appear rough, difficult and challenging, but offers a beneficial journey and a rewarding end. "But the path of the just is as the shining light [the bright morning sun], that shineth more and more [becomes brighter & brighter] unto the perfect day" (Proverbs 4:18).

Knowing the final destination is a critical piece of information that will help us in making our decision as to which way to go at a fork in the road. Jesus admonishes: "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" (Matthew 7:13-14).

While many on the broad road may seem to be living a carefree life of pleasure and prosperity, unless they repent and turn to God, their final destiny is serious and sobering.

In contrast to the path of the righteous, "The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble" (Proverbs 4:19). And although we who have chosen to travel the narrow and difficult way may have constant struggles and countless problems, the reward we shall receive at the end will make it all worthwhile! (Matthew 25:34; Romans 8:18). — **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



Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us! — Rom 8:35-37

😊 **Welcome Visitors!** 😊

*We are glad to have you worship with us today. 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 leave. Thank you.
Have a great week!*

Psalm 7:9-17

9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God tests the minds and hearts.

10 My defense is with God, who saves the upright in heart.

11 God judges the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

12 If he turns not [if he does not repent], He [God] will whet His sword; He has bent his bow, and made it ready.

13 He has also prepared for Himself the instruments of death; He makes ready his arrows [Divine judgement] against the persecutors.

14 Behold, he brought forth iniquity, and has conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood [harmful lies].

15 He made a pit, and dug it, and has fallen into the ditch which he [himself has] made.

16 His mischief [wickedness] shall return upon his own head [the victim of his own destructive plans], and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own crown [fall upon his own head].

17 I will praise the LORD according to His righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high!

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 5,329
This Month: 11,112



SNACKS!

Jan 17: Betty
Jan 24: Glenda

Attendance & Contribution for January 10, 2020

Attendance — 19
Contribution — \$345.

Order of Worship

January 17, 2021

“Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy.”

- Psalm 99:9 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—666

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song—256

Scripture Reading: *Paul Bullock*

Song—119

The Lord's Supper:
Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

Song—144

Sermon: *Paul Bullock*

Song—192

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Cuvellier

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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 -*

## January 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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