



## 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
- Corona Pandemic - its effect & overall impact on our lives, the nation and the world
- Diane Cote - the wound on her left leg is healing slowly and her leg is getting better; also has other ongoing health concerns
- Paul Cote - now at Seal Rock in Saco; 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 - had successful surgery on Sept 21 to place steel plates in his chest to stabilize his sternum (had triple-bypass surgery on 3/18); will allow the sternum to finally heal properly
- Pat Miller - suffering with a serious bout of diverticulitis
- 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

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

~ Proverbs 15:8, 29 ~

## Demythologizing the Bible?

**L**iberal German theologian Rudolph Bultmann (August 20, 1884 – July 30, 1976) is known for his denial of the historical reliability of the Gospel accounts, as well as his concept of "demythologizing" the Bible. Contrary to what 2 Timothy 3:16-17 affirms, he believed the Bible *contained* the message from God, but not *everything* written therein was the word of God. Much of what you and I would regard as true historical fact, Bultmann would relegate to the realm of legend or myth.

Back when I was getting my brain expanded, students at International Bible College (now Heritage Christian University) enjoyed giving freshmen a "Bultmann Bible," which was just a blank journal filled with empty pages. The significance of this harmless student prank should not be overlooked. Once one begins to doubt God's word as truth (John 17:17), and presumes to designate sections of scripture as myth, where does it end? And who are those spiritually enlightened scholars and esteemed intellectual individuals who will correctly inform us as to what *is* inspired and what is *not*?

One of Satan's primary goals has always been to deny the authenticity of scripture, thus destroying the authority of the word of God. It began in the garden when the serpent challenged the authority of God's word saying, "You shall **not** surely die" (Genesis 3:4). Satan directly and deliberately countermanded God's word by casting doubt on its truthfulness, questioning God's motives, and attacking His character. These aggressive attacks have continued throughout the centuries, with the height of intellectual skepticism being the various forms of 19<sup>th</sup> century biblical criticism.

And yet, the inspired prophet reminds us: "Is not my word like a fire? says the LORD; and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?" (Jeremiah 23:29). Like the rock-solid anvil that wore out many a hammer through the years, God's word has successfully withstood all these attacks and continues to prevail against the endless assaults of our day. "The grass withers, the flower fades: but the word of our God shall stand forever!" (Isaiah 40:8). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for OCTOBER

*Preaching:* Terry Schmidt

*Song Leader:* Terry Schmidt

*Opening Prayer:* Erik Grabowski

*Scripture Reading:* Wayne Sampson

*Lord's Supper:*

George Cuvellier & Ernie Perry

*Announcements & Closing Prayer:*  
Jason Kennedy

*Alternate:* Jim Miller

*Lord's Supper Prep:* Terry Kennedy

**"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! ☺*





September 26th - Genesis Cuvellier  
October 28 - Terry Kennedy



Wayne & Jan — October 9th  
Jason & Paula — October 25th

NOTICE 📢 Paul Cote is pleased to now be at Seal Rock in Saco. Here is his address & info:

Paul Cote, Room 128  
c/o Seal Rock Healthcare Atlantic  
88 Harbor Drive  
Saco, ME 04072  
Phone: (207) 283-3646

Diane has moved in with her son Randy and his wife Samantha. Here is her new address:

Diane Cote  
28 Payne Street  
Springvale, ME 04083

Sep26: Cathy  
Oct 3: Glenda

**SNACKS!**

*Attendance & Contribution  
for September 19, 2021*

Attendance — 17  
Contribution — \$281.

## Order of Worship

September 26, 2021

*"And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped."*

- 2 Chronicles 29:30 -

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—17

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song—13

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*  
~ Genesis 1:1-5 & 31-2:1-3 ~

Song—649

The Lord's Supper:  
*Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry*

Song—501

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"What About Genesis 1?"

Song—43

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*George Cuvellier*

Alternate: *Jim Miller*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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

**September 26, 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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