



## 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 - ongoing health concerns
- Paul Cote - recent surgery removed a cancerous tumor from his frontal lobe; now undergoing aggressive radiation & chemotherapy
- 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 - now home after a short stay at MMC; chemotherapy was found to be doing more harm than good at this point, so the aggressive regimen has been stopped; prayers are greatly appreciated and needed
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Jamie (Pat Miller's daughter) - Pancreatitis infection has cleared; now awaiting gall bladder surgery scheduled for June 22
- Ernie Perry - arthritic back pain and COPD
- Norman Roy - prayers needed for him & his family as his condition worsens
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing bursitis & arthritis pain and ongoing anxiety attacks
- Paul Small (Paul Cote's cousin) - battling stomach cancer
- Erik Wuelper - pancreatic cancer
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place

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

## Preparation



**I**n both the old and new testaments, God's word teaches that we should be a people who are prepared. "Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise: which having no captain, overseer, or ruler, provides her supplies in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest" (Pr 6:6-8). Even the small and seemingly insignificant ant instinctively knows enough to make proper preparation for its future survival. "The prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished" (Pr 22:3). Remaining alert and being ready for the unexpected—for trouble, hardship and danger, is the hallmark of preparedness.

Jesus taught much about one being alert, ready and prepared. In the parable of the ten virgins recorded in Matthew 25:1-13, the five wise virgins are commended and rewarded because they had the forethought to take extra oil for their lamps. They had anticipated and planned for the contingency of the Bridegroom being delayed. The foolish virgins made no such preparation and their lamps ran out of oil, resulting in their being shut out of the wedding. The message of Jesus' teaching is clear: a lack of adequate preparation can cause one to miss out on eternity! This is why He reminds us, "Therefore you also be ready [prepared], for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect Him" (Mt 24:44).

A good working definition of the word *prepare* is: "to make or get something or someone ready for something that will happen in the future" (*Cambridge Dictionary*). Something that will definitely happen in everyone's future is death. Throughout the centuries, without exception, everyone who has lived . . . has died. "And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb 9:27). "For it is written: 'As I live, says the LORD, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.' So then, each of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom 14:11-12).

The inevitability of death and the certainty of judgment warrants one's thoughtful and intentional preparation for eternity. This is why the prophet of old boldly proclaims the needful admonition: "Prepare to meet thy God!" (Amos 4:12). Are you ready? — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



## OUR FLAG

Our flag is more than just a flag,  
It stands for what we are;  
There's meaning in the red and white,  
The blue field and the star.

The red stripe stands for Hardiness,  
For Courage and Confidence.  
The white stripe is to symbolize,  
Purity and Innocence.

The stripes in alternating hues,  
Are horizontally run;  
Portraying lovely rays of light,  
Emitting from the sun.

Vigilance and Perseverance are  
Denoted by the blue;  
The field displays the fifty stars,  
And stands for Justice too.

The stars which represent the states,  
United in this land;  
Symbolize the heavens,  
And God's great goal for man.

Our flag is more than just a flag;  
It tells our legacy!  
It stands for Truth, and Freedom dear;  
It stands for Liberty!

— **Terry Schmidt**



June 21st - Connie Henderson  
June 25th - Georine Cuvellier



Erik & Janice — June 14th



We will enjoy our potluck today after services. Please plan to stay for this special time of food, fun and fellowship! ☺

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 4,474  
This Month: 10,046



**SNACKS!**

June 13: Paula  
June 20: Diane

*Attendance & Contribution  
for June 6, 2021*

Attendance — 19  
Contribution — \$286.

## Order of Worship

June 13, 2021

*"What is it then? I will pray with the spirit,  
I will pray with the understanding also:  
I will sing with the spirit, and I will  
sing with the understanding also."*

- 1 Corinthians 14:15 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—188

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song—559

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier*  
~ Mark 1:1-13 ~

Song—278

The Lord's Supper:  
*Jim Miller & Ernie Perry*

Song—62

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
The Gospel Was Prepared

Song—599

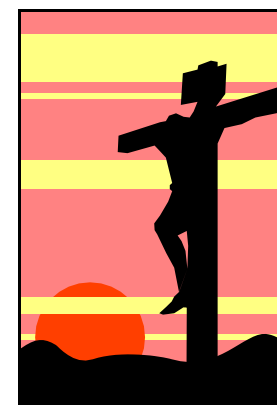
Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Jason Kennedy*

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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 -*

## June 13, 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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