



## 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 - pulled a muscle in her left calf and is wearing an air-cast; ongoing health concerns
- Paul Cote - cancerous tumor removed from his frontal lobe; recent MRI revealed radiation & chemotherapy are working & have shrunk the remaining mass; a future MRI will determine status of the cancer; keep the prayers coming
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Janice Grabowski - suffering from chronic pancreatitis & fibromyalgia
- Family of Connie Henderson - mourning the loss of their loved one
- 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

### **Give Thanks to God...**

*For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food, for love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends.*

## Obey the Gospel



**T**he inspired Apostle Paul confidently declared: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek" [Gentile] (Rom 1:16). The gospel (Greek: *euangelion*) is "good news"—"glad tidings of salvation in and through Christ!" This is why Paul was always ready to preach the gospel! (Rom 1:15). Through the faithful preaching of the gospel, the power (Greek: *dynamis*) of God is revealed and demonstrated, resulting in the salvation of lost souls.

But this salvation is contingent upon the open reception and willing obedience to the gospel message. Jesus is "the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him" (Heb 5:9). Serious warnings are given in Scripture to those who refuse to obey the gospel. "When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes in that Day" (2 Thess 1:7-10). Peter adds: "For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what shall be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? And if the righteous are scarcely saved, where shall the ungodly and sinner appear?" (1 Pet 4:17-18).

Since obeying the gospel is essential to the salvation of our souls, we must understand what the gospel is and how to obey it. Paul describes the essence of the gospel to the Corinthians: "I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I have preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that he was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Cor 15:1-4). So, we learn that the essence of the gospel is the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

At this point, someone may ask: "How in the world are we to obey that?" Answer: "In baptism!"

Paul explains: "Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized (Greek: *baptizo*—submerged, immersed) into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore, we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him" (Rom 6:3-6).

When the obedient believer submits to being baptized—immersed in water for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38, 22:16), as Jesus commanded (Mt 28:19-20; Mk 16:15-16), we figuratively participate in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And, in so doing, we obey the gospel—the power of God unto salvation! This is God's plan. And this is good news! — **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

☺ **Welcome Visitors!** ☺

*We are glad you have come worship with us and 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. Also, please fill out a visitor's card before you depart.*

*Thank you and have a great week!*



August 14th - Wayne Sampson  
August 22nd - Ernie Perry



Paul & Diane — August 3rd

## Pot Luck Fellowship

Next Sunday, after services. Please make plans to stay for this special time of food, fun and fellowship! ☺

## Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 7,169  
Last Month: 44,930



# SNACKS!

Aug 1: Cathy  
Aug 8: Paula

*Attendance & Contribution*  
for July 25, 2021

Attendance — 13  
Contribution — \$688.

# Order of Worship

August 1, 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—256

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song—555

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*  
~ Matthew 12:38-41 ~

Song—278

The Lord's Supper:  
*Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry*

Song—282

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"The Gospel Was Preached"

Song—522

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 1, 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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