



## 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 - cancerous tumor removed from his frontal lobe; recent MRI revealed radiation & chemotherapy are working & have shrunk the remaining mass; another MRI in 4 weeks to determine status; keep the prayers coming
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Erik Grabowski - a cortisone shot has helped reduce pain in the heel spur on his right foot
- Janice Grabowski - 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) - recently had successful emergency gall bladder surgery and is now home recovering
- 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) - has stomach cancer
- Erik Wuelper - has pancreatic cancer
- Please pray for a permanent meeting place
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today

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

## Chutes & Ladders



Most likely, many of you are familiar with the children's game *Chutes & Ladders*. Starting at "square one" at the bottom of the board, players would work through over 90 spaces to reach the last square at the top of the board to win the game. However, at various points, one could land on a ladder (moving his piece upward & forward many spaces), or one could encounter a chute (sliding his piece downward & backward many spaces). So, throughout the game, nothing is certain! And with a simple roll of the dice or spin of the needle, one can quickly find himself either winning or losing. Those lagging behind could land on a ladder which could catapult them to the lead. And those who were in the lead did not have the luxury of bragging because they could be sent backward by landing on a chute at any given time.

This enjoyable child's game seems to mirror the troublesome ups and downs of life which are often inevitable and unpredictable. And much of the time, these vicissitudes of life do not seem fair, nor do they make any sense. We see good things happening to bad people, and bad things happening to good people. There seems to be no real rhyme or reason to this puzzling phenomenon. When times are good, there is the human propensity to forget God. And when times are bad, there is the carnal temptation to blame God. What are some helpful, biblical ways you and I can respond during these difficult times when we find ourselves tossed about by tempestuous waves on the capricious sea of life?

First, we can realize that, no matter how bad things seem God is still in control. He is sovereign (Eph 1:11; Col 1:15-17; 1 Tim 6:15-16). Second, we can remind ourselves that our Lord is constant and changeless. With Him "there is no variation or shadow of turning" (Jas 1:17), and He "is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Heb 13:8). Third, we can take courage in the fact that God is faithful (1 Cor 1:9; 10:13; 2 Thess 3:3). He is dependable and trustworthy for He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Heb 13:5).

Finally, we can rejoice in the knowledge that our Lord Jesus Christ is victorious! (1 Cor 15:50-57). He acknowledges that in this world we will have problems, persecutions, trials and tribulations. Then he lovingly adds: "But be of good cheer (take heart!), I have overcome the world!" (John 16:33). — **Terry Schmidt** ✂



## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

for **JULY**

*Preaching:* Terry Schmidt

*Song Leader:* Paul Cote

*Opening Prayer:* Jason Kennedy

*Scripture Reading:* Erik Grabowski

*Lord's Supper:*

George Cuvellier & Ernie Perry

*Announcements & Closing Prayer:*  
Wayne Sampson

*Alternate:* Jim Miller

*Lord's Supper Prep:* Betty 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 to have you as our honored guests!*



July 9th - Tyler Kennedy

July 16th - Pat Miller

July 24th - Diane Cote

### The Gospel of Christ is:

Free – “The poor have the gospel preached to them” (Matt 11:5).

Plain – “Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge” (Eph 3:1–6).

Powerful – “It is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth” (Rom 1:16).

Encouraging – “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” (Heb 13:5–6).

Comforting – “Wherefore comfort one another with these words” (1 Thess 4:13–18).

To be obeyed – “In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Thess 1:8).

Have you obeyed the gospel?



### Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 4,714

This Month: 19,948

## SNACKS!

June 27: Terry K

July 4: Jan

### Attendance & Contribution for June 20, 2021

Attendance — 26

Contribution — N/A.

## Order of Worship

June 27, 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—55

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song—262

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier*

~ Psalm 73:1-9 ~

Song—4

The Lord’s Supper:

*Jim Miller & Ernie Perry*

Song—190

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

The Prosperity of the Wicked  
 (“It’s Not Fair!”)

Song—605

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

*Jason Kennedy*

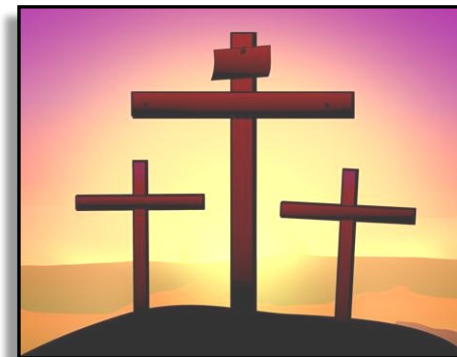
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Lord’s Supper Prep: *Paula Kennedy*

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*We love Him, because  
He first loved us.*

- 1 John 4:19 -

## June 27, 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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