



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 - 3/23 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 - undergoing an aggressive regimen of chemotherapy; a recent CTSCAN revealed that the cancer is still advancing, but chemo is definitely slowing its rate of growth; recently has been sick and is experiencing quite a bit of pain; prayers 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 has rapidly worsened
- 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

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

Looking Good!

The scribes and Pharisees were learned men who studied the Mosaic Law and the sacred texts of the Old Testament with great care and diligence. Having such access to the Word of God, they [of all people], should have recognized Jesus as the Messiah. But they did not. Instead, they strongly opposed the Lord Jesus during His earthly ministry and refused to acknowledge Him as the Son of God.

These men were the religious leaders of their day and were respected by the masses for their strict adherence to the Law and their perceived spiritual piety. They sat "in Moses' seat" and were the authorized interpreters of God's divine law. Because of this, Jesus said: "Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do" (Matt 23:2-3). "All their works they do to be seen by men" (v. 5).

The words of our Lord underlined above provide a good working definition of hypocrisy: saying one thing, and doing another. These religious leaders looked good and sounded good (Matt 15:8), having mastered the language and mechanics of their religion, but they had totally missed the heart [will] of God. When seen among the people, they were acting in a way they never intended to become. They were putting on a good show for all to see and admire.

While appearing pious and righteous, these men were actually inwardly corrupt and spiritually destitute. Jesus says of them, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like white-washed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness!" (Matt 23:27-28).

We would be wise to take these sobering words of our Lord as a stern warning. The scribes and Pharisees considered themselves to be holy and righteous—acceptable to God and faithful in His service.

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But Jesus said their heart was far from him and their worship was vain [useless] (Matt 15:8-9). This is a strong indictment. Clearly, even though they appeared devout and pious, their hearts were not in harmony with the will of God. They had missed it! This is a simple and general definition of sin: *missing the mark* [Greek: n: *hamartia*; v: *hamartano*].

The self-righteous scribes and Pharisees had descended into self-deception. And self-deception is perhaps the worst deception of all. May you and I hold fast the sound admonition of our brother James: "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22).

— 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

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." — Acts 4:12

😊 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! 😊





June 11th - Jan Sampson
 June 21st - Connie Henderson
 June 25th - Georine Cuvellier



Erik & Janice — June 14th



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

Visits to Our
 Web Page

Last Week: 5,898
 This Month: 5,572



SNACKS!

June 6: Betty
 June 13: Paula

*Attendance & Contribution
 for May 30, 2021*

Attendance — 20
 Contribution — \$982.

Order of Worship

June 6, 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—59

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song—77

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier*
 ~ Matthew 15:7-9 ~

Song—119

The Lord's Supper:
Jim Miller & Ernie Perry

Song—176

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
 The Disease of the Pharisees

Song—261

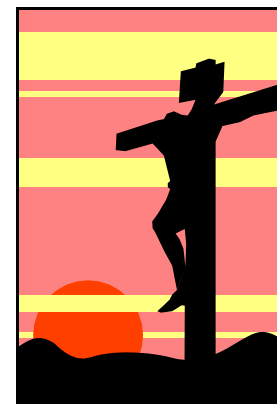
Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

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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 6, 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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