



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; recently moved to Kentucky with her daughter Leah to be with family; prayers appreciated
- Corona Pandemic - its effect & overall impact on our lives, the nation and the world
- Diane Cote - left leg wound is healing slowly and her leg is getting better; also has other ongoing health concerns
- Paul Cote - now a resident at Seal Rock Health Care in Saco; thank you for your prayers
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Janice Grabowski - suffering from chronic pancreatitis & fibromyalgia
- Jim Miller - a recent doctor's visit revealed everything is healing properly after surgery on 10/8; chest wrap was removed, along with one of the chest drains; an IV is still being administered at home; pray for leg swelling to subside; thanks so much for all the prayers! (and keep them coming for complete healing)
- Pat Miller - suffering with diverticulitis; your prayers are appreciated
- 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 for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today

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

Darwinistic Christianity?

When we "purified [our] souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit" and were "born again ... through the word of God" (1 Pet 1:22-23; Jas 1:21), we were not ushered into some type of Darwinistic Christianity. We do not serve a detached and indifferent God who throws us into the harsh arena of life in order to determine the "survival of the fittest." No, our loving heavenly Father is intimately concerned for our welfare (1 Pet 5:7) and is with us each and every step of the way as we navigate through life's difficulties and confront its constant challenges.

The inspiring words, by which our LORD encouraged his faithful servant Joshua, speak to us as well. *"I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage ... be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go"* (Joshua 1:5-7). This is God's will for you! That you, by obeying His will, may be strong and very courageous in the faith and prosper wherever you go, to the glory of God. The inspired writer of Hebrews gives us the same confidence in the New Testament: *"For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you'"* (Heb 13:5).

Scripture assures us that God's word is faithful and can be trusted. *"God is not a man that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"* (Num 23:19). Our God has proven time and time again that He is completely worthy of our trust. And He has given us repeated assurance in His word that He is with us, and lovingly supports His faithful ones. *"But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one"* (2 Thess 3:3). And again, *"God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it"* (1 Cor 10:13). And finally, *"God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord"* (1 Cor 1:9).

Messages implying that God is somehow detached or indifferent to the conduct and welfare of His faithful children are not coming from God! Can you guess where they are coming from? Yes, it is *"the tempter"* (Mt 4:3), *"that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, who deceives the whole world!"* (Rev 12:9). We have not been ushered into some form of Darwinistic Christianity when we *"obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered"* (Rom 6:17), but we were *"delivered from the power of darkness, and translated into the kingdom of His dear Son!"* (Col 1:13).

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us [and He has demonstrated, beyond any doubt, that He is], who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" (Rom 8:31-32). Let us be confidently assured, *"The Lord is good to those who wait for [hope & trust in] Him, to the one who seeks Him"* (Lam 3:25).— **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!



October 28 - Terry Kennedy



Jason & Paula — October 25th

Points to Ponder



"A man of courage is also a man who is full of faith. Courage is fear that has said its prayers." - Cicero

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 17,073
This Month: 35,285



SNACKS!

Oct 24: Terry K
Oct 31: Jan

Attendance & Contribution for October 17, 2021

Attendance — 14
Contribution — \$326.

Order of Worship

October 24, 2021

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

- Colossians 3:16 -

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—6

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song—1A

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*
~ Joshua 1:1-7 ~

Song—56

The Lord's Supper:
George Cuvellier & Ernie Perry

Song—231

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Joshua—a Real Success Story"

Song—345

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

Alternate: *Jim Miller*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Terry Kennedy*

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

## October 24, 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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