



Prayer Requests:

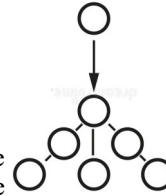
"Pray for one another"

- 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 - surgery on 3/25 to place a stent in her leg was successful; surgery on 3/31 to correct a collapsed artery in her neck was also successful; she is now recovering
- Paul Cote - 3/23 surgery removed a cancerous tumor from his frontal lobe; now undergoing aggressive radiation & chemotherapy
- Cathy Cuvelier - prayers answered regarding a new job; thanks for the prayers; & praise God!
- 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
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Jim Miller - underwent successful triple bypass surgery on 3/18; now recovering nicely
- Jamie (Pat Miller's daughter) - suffering with critical pancreatitis & gall stones; prayers!
- 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

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

The Chain-Reaction of God's Love



The Golden Text of the Bible declares: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (Jn 3:16). God's tremendous love for us—ungodly, unrighteous sinners (Rom 5:6-8)—is virtually unfathomable and incomprehensible. As we learn about and experience this profound love, our hearts are deeply moved, and "we love Him, because He first loved us" (1 Jn 4:19). When acknowledged and experienced, this self-sacrificing love compels [drives; motivates] us to serve our God lovingly and faithfully (2 Cor 5:14).

When you "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mk 12:30), you will naturally and willingly "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Mt 6:33). God alone will be on the throne of your heart and will take first place in your life. His will becomes your will, and you will gladly say: "Not my will, but Thine be done!" (Lk 22:42). At this point in your spiritual growth, many difficult decisions you may face are already determined, because of your sincere devotion and deep love for God. Loving and adoring God becomes an integral part of who you are and your allegiance is to Him, and to Him only.

This genuine devotion to God and steadfast dedication to His will produces a high level of strong determination and a solid sense of purpose. We are heaven-bound, redeemed children of God (1 Jn 3:1-3), and "we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us!" (Rom 8:37). God's love empowers us with a firm resolve, unwavering fortitude and an unshakable faith.

Resolve means "to come to a definite or earnest decision about; determine (to do something): to come to a determination; make up one's mind; determine" (*Dictionary.com*). Fortitude comes from the Latin word *fortis*, meaning "strong," and in English it has always been used primarily to describe strength of mind.

Fortitude is that "strength of mind that enables a person to encounter danger or bear pain or adversity with courage" (*Merriam-Webster*).

And faith "is the substance [confident assurance; concrete essence] of things hoped for, the evidence [proof; conviction] of things not seen" (Heb 11:1). This faith "comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom 10:17). And this is the faith by which we live our lives (Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11; Heb 10:38), and is that which overcomes the world! (1 Jn 5:4). Therefore, "watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love" (1 Cor 16:13-14). "For God is love" (1 Jn 4:8). — **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



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for JUNE

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Paul Cote

Opening Prayer: Erik Grabowski

Scripture Reading: George Cuvelier

Lord's Supper:

Jim Miller & Ernie Perry

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

Lord's Supper Prep: Paula Kennedy



May 30th - Paul Cote
 June 5th - George Cuvellier
 June 11th - Jan Sampson
 June 21st - Connie Henderson
 June 25th - Georine Cuvellier



Erik & Janice — June 14th

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 5,797
 This Month: 23,568



SNACKS!

May 30: Jan
 June 6: Betty

Attendance & Contribution for May 23, 2021

Attendance — 18
 Contribution — \$213.

Order of Worship

May 30, 2021

"Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. For our God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding."

- Psalm 47:6-7 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—190

Opening Prayer: *George Cuvellier*

Song—188

Scripture Reading: *Erik Grabowski*
 ~ Ruth 1:14-18 ~

Song—321

The Lord's Supper:
Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

Song—53

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
 Ruth—a Story of Devotion,
 Dedication, Determination

Song—590

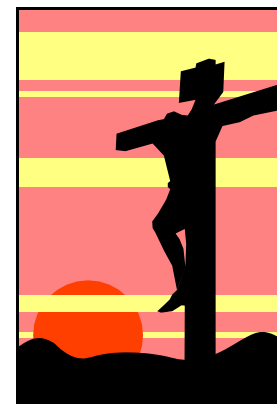
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Lord's Supper Prep: *Terry Kennedy*

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

**May 30, 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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