



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 - had surgery on 8/11 to place a stent in her left leg to facilitate blood flow to her foot in order to heal a long-time wound; also, other ongoing health concerns
- Paul Cote - cancerous tumor removed from his frontal lobe; cancer slowly progressing; hoping to be admitted to Seal Rock in Saco; please keep the prayers coming for him & Diane
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Janice Grabowski - suffering from chronic pancreatitis & fibromyalgia
- Jim Miller - having surgery in September to place steel plates in his sternum to stabilize his chest (had triple-bypass surgery on 3/18), and allow the sternum to finally heal properly
- 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

*"The prayer of the upright is His delight . . .
He hears the prayer of the righteous."*

~ Proverbs 15:8, 29 ~

The Spiritual Seed

The natural seed has within it the power of life, as well as the potential of growth and propagation. The *spiritual* seed—the word of God (Lk 8:11), is much the same. Jesus said, "The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life" (Jn 6:63). Indeed, the word of God is "alive and powerful" (Heb 4:12), and will accomplish God's intended purpose in bringing forth fruit (Rom 10:17). "For as the rain comes down...[to] water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it" (Is 55:10-11).



In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus tells the story of a sower (farmer) sowing seed (Lk 8:4-15). The seed falls on four different types of soil which represent the hearts of men and women. The first soil "by the wayside" is unreceptive to the word. The next two, "on rock" and "among thorns," receive the word but, due to various reasons, bring no lasting fruit to maturity. The fourth soil, "good ground," hears the word, obeys it, and yields an enduring and bountiful crop through much patience and perseverance. It is this soil with which you and I want to identify. And it is this soil that we are most interested in when it comes to sowing the seed of the kingdom (Mk 16:15-16; Acts 8:4; 2 Tim 2:25; 3:16-17; 4:2).

Jesus explains that the good ground represents those having "an honest (noble) and good heart" (v. 15). When those who are good soil "receive with meekness the implanted word" it is able to save their souls (Jas 1:21). "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom 10:17). The spiritual, incorruptible seed—the word of God which lives and abides forever—planted in honest and good hearts, purifies the soul and brings about a new birth (1 Pet 1:22-25).

Of course, the seed will not be able to take root unless it is first sown (planted) in human hearts.

This is where you and I come in. First century Christians, especially during times of persecution and hardship, "went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). They planted lots of seeds, preaching/teaching Christ wherever they went, and reaped a great harvest of souls (Acts 2:41; 4:4; 6:7; 12:24; 13:44, 48-49; 15:35-36; 17:11; 18:11; 19:10, 20). We cannot hope to improve on this simple God-approved method today. Jesus said, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (Lk 10:2). Will you be one of the few laborers willing to be sent into God's harvest? — **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

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"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! 😊*





August 22nd - Ernie Perry

Tell Him So

If you hear a kind word spoken
Of some worthy soul you know,
It may fill his heart with sunshine
If you'd only tell him so.

If a deed, however humble,
Helps you on your way to go,
Seek the one whose hand has helped you,
Seek him out and tell him so.

If your heart is touched and tender,
Toward a sinner lost and low,
It might help him to do better,
If you'd only tell him so.

O my sisters and my brothers,
As o'er life's rough path you go,
If God's love has saved and kept you,
Please don't fail to tell men so!

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 7,914
This Month: 11,729



SNACKS!

Aug 15: Glenda
Aug 22: Diane

*Attendance & Contribution
for August 8, 2021*

Attendance — 19
Contribution — \$239.

Order of Worship

August 15, 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—572

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song—13

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*
~ Luke 8:4-15 ~

Song—527

The Lord's Supper:
Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

Song—529

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"The Seed and the Soils"

Song—507

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jim Miller

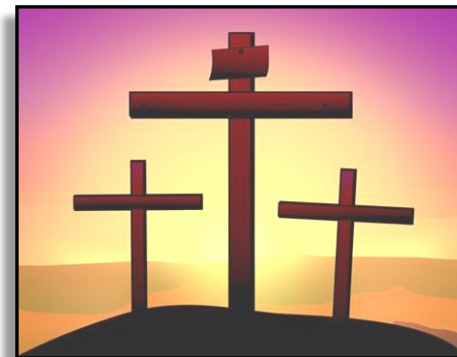
Alternate: *George Cuvellier*

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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 15, 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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