



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 - having 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, ongoing health concerns
- Paul Cote - cancerous tumor removed from his frontal lobe; cancer is progressing; hoping to be admitted to Seal Rock in Saco soon; 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

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

The Fruit of a Godless Society

Today's activist judges, socialist politicians, and the liberal media use the term "separation of church and state" as though it were in the Constitution. It is not. What is part of the Constitution is the first amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." It was the fear of an establishment of a state religion by the government and the threat that they might "prohibit the free exercise thereof" that President Thomas Jefferson was addressing when he used the phrase in a letter to the Baptist Association of Danbury, Connecticut.

The phrase was resurrected in 1947 by the Supreme Court in the case of *Everson v. Board of Education* where the court stated, "The First Amendment has erected a wall between church and state. That wall must be kept high and impenetrable. We could not approve the slightest breach." We've been hearing this phrase used (or should I say misused) quite frequently ever since. And its meaning, as it is commonly employed today, is directly opposite of what Mr. Jefferson intended.

Since 1947, the steady application of "separation of church and state" in Supreme Court decisions has brought about the gradual insidious erosion of America's Judeo-Christian foundation. During this time, the extensive deterioration of bedrock Biblical beliefs, which formed this country and made it strong and great, has resulted in damage so devastating, it now appears irreparable.

In 1962, in the case of *Engel v. Vitale*, the Supreme Court made the decision to prohibit prayer in schools. This was followed a year later in 1963 with the *Murray v. Curlett* lawsuit, where a landmark Supreme Court ruling ended official Bible reading in American public schools. Madalyn Murray O'Hair, along with other atheist activists, had essentially expelled God from our schools. And we've been feeling the negative effects ever since as our society moves further and further away from our Creator and His teachings.

The 1973 *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision legalized abortion in this country. ➡

And on June 26, 2015, in a 5-4 decision of *Obergefell v. Hodges*, five justices pronounced same-sex marriage as the law of the land—countermanning God's holy word, ignoring thousands of years of human history and completely redefining God's original design for marriage.

Both abortion and same-sex marriage have been packaged and sold as civil rights issues which have brought success to their supporters. But they are moral issues for the Christian, which places them in direct conflict with our deeply held sacred beliefs.

Psalm 33:12 wisely proclaims, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD." This was once true of us. But in today's sophisticated culture, God is deliberately banned from our society and believers are increasingly prohibited from openly acknowledging Him or their Christian faith. As in the days of the Judges, with no spiritual direction or moral guidance, everyone does that which is right in his own eyes (Judges 21:25). Such is the fruit of a godless society. But God always has the last word: "The wicked shall be turned into Hell, **and all the nations that forget God** (Psalm 9:17). — 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 to have you as our honored guests!



August 14th - Wayne Sampson
August 22nd - Ernie Perry

Pot Luck Fellowship

Today, after services. Please plan to stay for this special time of food, fun and fellowship! ☺



It Shows in Your Face

*You don't have to tell how you live each day;
You don't have to say if you work or you play;
A tried, true barometer serves in the place—
For, however you live, it will show in your face.
If your life is selfless, and for others you live,
For not what you get, but how much you can give;
If you live close to God in his infinite grace—
You don't have to tell it, it shows in your face. ☺*

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 3,815
This Month: 3,815



SNACKS!

Aug 8: Paula
Aug 15: Glenda

Attendance & Contribution for August 1, 2021

Attendance — 18
Contribution — \$303.

Order of Worship

August 8, 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—120

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song—176

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*
~ Psalm 94:1-7 ~

Song—289

The Lord's Supper:
Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

Song—666

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"How Long Will the Wicked Triumph?"

Song—261

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jim Miller

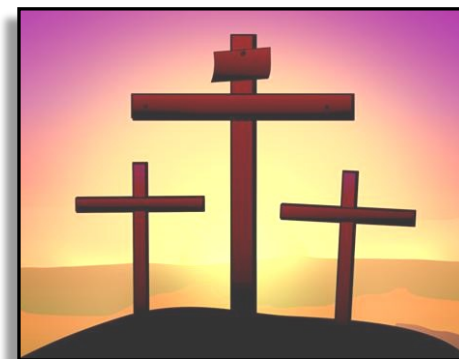
Alternate: *George Cuvellier*

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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 8, 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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