



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 - dealing w/ various health issues
- 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 which hopefully will eradicate the remaining cancer; will have a CTSCAN tomorrow; prayers needed
- Mayvella Knight (Connie's foster sister) - lost her husband to cancer recently
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Becky McGarey (Terry & Betty's daughter) - being treated for a painful stomach ulcer
- Jim Miller - cardiac catheterization scheduled for Feb 10; stents a possibility; troublesome wound is almost completely healed now!
- Joanne Neithercut - struggling with frequent serious bouts of depression
- George Nick - family issues & concerns
- Ernie Perry - arthritic back pain and COPD
- Norman Roy - prayers are needed for him & his family as his health continues to decline
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing bursitis & arthritis pain and ongoing anxiety attacks
- Paul Small (Paul Cote's cousin) - battling stomach cancer; prayers needed
- Erik Wuelper - pancreatic cancer
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)

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

Prayer



A saying I learned soon after I was baptized goes like this: "Satan trembles when he sees, the weakest saint upon his knees." Why do you suppose that is? Because when a child of God—even a weak one—engages in prayer, he or she is accessing the power of the Almighty; the God of the universe! (Psalm 28:8; Psalm 46:1; Ephesians 6:10). Scripture assures us that "Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite (Psalm 147:5). When we pray, we plug-in to the power of a God "who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think!" (Ephesians 3:20).

Someone has said, "Prayer opens a divine door for God to act on our behalf." When we pray, we enter the very throne room of God and stand in His presence (Eph 3:12; Rev 8:3). And this is by the gracious invitation of our loving heavenly Father who says: "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me" (Psalm 50:15). Nowhere in Scripture is this more evident than in Acts chapter 12 where the Lord miraculously released Peter from prison in response to the prayers of the church (Acts 12:1-18). "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need!" (Hebrews 4:16).

While I do not remember the source, I do remember a definition of prayer offered by an author a number of years ago: "Prayer is communication with God, whereby we express our dependence on Him." While God speaks to us through his "living and powerful word" (Hebrews 4:12), we speak to him through the avenue of prayer. Prayer is where we "pour out our hearts before Him (Psalm 62:8), and "make our requests known unto God" (Philippians 4:6).

When a Christian prays, he is also saying—without saying it—without uttering a word, "I am depending and relying on God. I need His help, strength and guidance. I cannot do this alone." "For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you'." (Isaiah 41:13).

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May we be a people who consistently depend on God (Proverbs 3:5-6), who continue instant and earnestly in prayer (Romans 12:12; Colossians 4:2), who "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17), and who regularly and faithfully pray for one another! (Ephesians 6:19-20; Colossians 4:2-4; James 5:16).

— 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

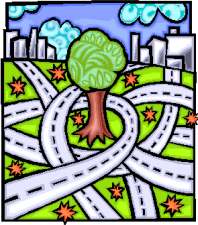


We will enjoy our potluck fellowship next Sunday after services. Please make plans to stay for this special time of food, fun and fellowship! ☺

☺ **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!*





Are There Many Paths to Heaven?

The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life revealed surprising information about views of religious Americans. Almost 80 percent of 36,000 people surveyed said that they believed in “absolute standards of right and wrong,” but only about a third said they turned to religious teachings to set their standards. Over 70 percent answered yes to the question, “Can many religions lead to eternal life?” Our religious world wants to dictate the principle that everyone is right, and the only thing that is wrong is to say that someone else is wrong. Does this make sense? Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6). It is not true that there are many paths to eternal life. Obedience to Jesus (Hebrews 5:9) and membership in His church is the only way to salvation (Acts 4:12). - *Bob Pritchard*

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 3,672
This Month: 3,672



SNACKS!

Feb 7: Terry K
Feb 14: Paula

Attendance & Contribution for January 31, 2021

Attendance — 18
Contribution — \$836.

Order of Worship

February 7, 2021

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

- Hebrews 10:24-25 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—59

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song—55

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*
~ Psalm 96:1-9 ~

Song—28

The Lord’s Supper:
George Cuvellier & Ernie Perry

Song—27

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
“Priorities in Prayer”

Song—646

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Paul Bullock

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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 -*

## February 7, 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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