



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 - pulled a muscle in her left calf and is wearing an air-cast; ongoing health concerns
- Paul Cote - cancerous tumor removed from his frontal lobe; recent MRI revealed radiation & chemotherapy are working & have shrunk the remaining mass; a future MRI will determine status of the cancer; keep the prayers coming
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Grabowski's - traveling on vacation
- Janice Grabowski - suffering from chronic pancreatitis & fibromyalgia
- Family of Connie Henderson - mourning the loss of their loved one
- 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 ~



Hope in the Midst of Sorrow



Speaking to those in Corinth who were saying there was no resurrection of the dead, the inspired Apostle Paul stated: "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most pitiable [miserable-KJV]" (1 Cor 15:12-19). To the Thessalonians who were apparently concerned about the status of Christians who had already died, Paul said: "But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope" (1 Thess 4:13).

The Greek word translated "sorrow" here means "to cause grief; be in heaviness; to affect with sadness." Until they repent and obey the Gospel (1 Pet 4:17), those of the world experience only sorrow, grief and sadness at death because they have hope in this life only. But those who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb do have hope! (Rev 7:14; 12:11; Col 3:3-4). And this hope is defined as "a confident expectation anticipated with pleasure;" *specifically* - "a joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation."

This "living hope" (1 Pet 1:3), "which is laid up for you in heaven" (Col 1:5), is "an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" (Heb 6:19). This means that, although the child of God does indeed mourn when loved ones in the Lord pass away, this grief is countered by the joy of knowing *for certain* that their soul is in the presence of God for all eternity (1 Jn 5:13). As Paul confidently declares: "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body" (Phil 3:20-21). The inspired Apostle John further addresses this point: "Beloved, now we are the children of God; and it does not yet appear what we shall be: but we *know* that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is" (1 Jn 3:2). And Paul adds: "When Christ, who is our life shall appear, then shall you also appear with Him in glory" (Col 3:4). This is our hope—"which is Christ in you, the hope of glory!" (Col 1:27).

So, when those in the Lord go home to their reward, the Christian—although mourning the loss of their loved one—need not "sorrow as others who have no hope" (1 Thess 4:13). Because we have hope! This confident expectation of eternal salvation is yours "if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel" (Col 1:23). "Here is the patience of the saints . . . who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. . . Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord . . . that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them!" (Rev 14:12-13).

— Terry Schmidt ✍



Our Deepest Sympathy

Our sincerest condolences are extended to the Lord's church and the family of Connie Henderson as they mourn the death of their loved one, who passed away on Tuesday, July 13th. May God's steadfast presence and tender compassion provide strength & comfort to these dear ones during this difficult time of grief and loss. ✝

**"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



July 24th - Diane Cote

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. — Revelation 21:1-5

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 6,336
This Month: 39,794



SNACKS!

July 18: Betty
July 25: Pat

Attendance & Contribution for July 11, 2021

Attendance — 21
Contribution — 244.

Order of Worship

July 18, 2021

*"While I live I will praise the LORD;
I will sing praises to my God
while I have my being."*

- Psalm 146:2 -

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—147

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song—392

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*
~ Revelation 14:12-13 ~

Song—316

The Lord's Supper:
George Cuvellier & Ernie Perry

Song—397

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
Blessed Are the Dead
Who Die in the Lord

Song—407

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Wayne Sampson

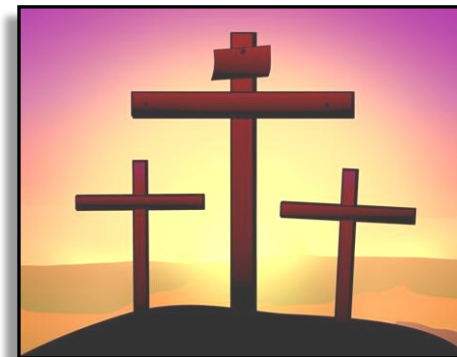
Alternate: *Jim Miller*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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

## July 18, 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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