



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Glenda Castleberry - ongoing health concerns
- Corona Pandemic - its effect & overall impact on our lives, the nation and the world
- Diane Cote - the wound on her left leg is healing slowly and her leg is getting better; also has other ongoing health concerns
- Paul Cote - now at the Gosnell Hospice House in Scarborough; hoping to be admitted to Seal Rock in Saco soon; please keep the prayers coming for Paul & 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 on September 21 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 ~

## Disciples

**W**hen Jesus addressed two hard-working fishermen by the Sea of Galilee saying, "Follow Me," He was calling them to discipleship (Mk 1:17). The word *disciple* comes from the Latin *discipulus* meaning "pupil, learner, student; one who follows another for the purpose of learning (Online Etymology Dictionary)." In fact, the word *follow* used by Jesus in the Greek literally means: "get behind and follow (Strong's)." The fact that these fishermen willingly followed implies "the acceptance in mind and life of the views and practices of the teacher" (Zondervan Bible Dictionary). The word has to do with learning and indicates "thought, accompanied by endeavor" (Vine's). A disciple was not only a devoted pupil, but a dedicated follower and, therefore, imitators of their teacher.



Jesus is our great example and the One we, as His disciples, are to imitate. The Apostle Paul encourages: "imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ" (1 Cor 11:1). This word in the Greek (*mimetes*) literally means to "mimic" another. An informal term would be "copy-cat" – "one whom imitates or adopts the behavior and/or practices of another" (Webster). This is exactly what we are to do as disciples of Jesus.

"Therefore, be imitators of God as dear children" (Eph 5:1). After we, as His disciples, have diligently imitated our Lord and faithfully followed His example, we then become godly examples ourselves. "And you became followers (*mimetes*) of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became examples (*typos* – "models for imitation") to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe" (1 Thess 1:6-7).

As we follow Jesus throughout our lives as His disciples, we humbly take His yoke upon us and learn from Him (Mt 11:29). We are "transformed by the renewing of [our] minds" (Rom 12:2) through the power of His holy word (Heb 4:12).

As we continue to grow and mature in Christ (2 Pet 3:18), we are conformed to His image (Rom 8:29), becoming more and more like Him each day.

Being a disciple of Christ is a life-time commitment which requires unwavering dedication and demands considerable sacrifice, perhaps including suffering. "For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps" (1 Pet 2:21). When counting the cost of discipleship, we can be confident that any sacrifice we may make will be well worth it (1 Cor 15:58). As the Apostle Paul assures us: "For I consider that the sufferings [hardships, pain, misfortune, afflictions], of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us! (Rom 8:18). — **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 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! ☺*





September 26th - Genesis Cuvellier

"And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple" (Lk 14:27). After making this strong statement, Jesus tells two parables: (1) Counting the cost in building a tower, and (2) Counting the cost of going to war. Both parables illustrate a similar point regarding discipleship. The decision to follow Jesus cannot be made lightly. It must be accompanied by forethought and a commitment to finish the task. It is not enough to begin a life of discipleship; it must be completed. If one only considers the benefit without considering the cost, he will become disillusioned when difficult times arise. A firm commitment will enable a disciple to overcome challenging difficulties. Focusing on Jesus and the surpassing riches of the glory that awaits us will motivate and enable a disciple to endure (Rom. 8:18; Heb. 12:1-3). "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life!" (Rev 2:10). ✝



### Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 7,588  
This Month: 16,438

## SNACKS!

Sep 19: Betty  
Sep 26: Cathy

### Attendance & Contribution for September 12, 2021

Attendance — 18  
Contribution — \$312.

## Order of Worship

September 19, 2021

*"And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped."*

- 2 Chronicles 29:30 -

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—188

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song—52

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*  
~ Mark 1:16-20 ~

Song—574

The Lord's Supper:  
*Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry*

Song—352

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"The Gospel Calls Us"

Song—197

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*George Cuvellier*

Alternate: *Jim Miller*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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

## September 19, 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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