



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Family of Paul Bullock and brothers & sisters here: grieving the loss of our dear brother
- 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 - surgery on 3/25 to place a stent in her leg was successful; surgery on 3/31 to correct a collapsed artery in her neck was also successful; she is now home recovering
- Paul Cote - 3/23 surgery removed a cancerous tumor from his frontal lobe; now home recovering; beginning radiation & chemo soon
- Cathy Cuvelier - prayers answered regarding a new job; thanks for the prayers; & praise God!
- 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; a recent CTSCAN revealed that the chemo is working
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Jim Miller - underwent successful triple bypass surgery on 3/18; now home recovering
- George Nick - family issues & concerns
- Ernie Perry - arthritic back pain and COPD
- Norman Roy - prayers needed for him & his family as his condition has rapidly worsened
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing bursitis & arthritis pain and ongoing anxiety attacks
- Paul Small (Paul Cote's cousin) - battling stomach cancer
- Erik Wuelper - pancreatic cancer

Sheep Need a Shepherd



The plain, inescapable truth is this: sheep need a shepherd. Sheep are characteristically slow to learn and have little retentive ability. In other words, they are stupid! Sheep cannot take care of themselves and do not do well on their own. Because they have no sense of direction, they tend to wander and get lost. Without a shepherd, they get into trouble and often need to be rescued (Ps 119:176). It is not within the sheep's ability to find safe, adequate grazing or locate good drinking water (Ps 23:2-3). Unlike many other animals, the sheep has no innate defense against predators. It has no growl, sharp teeth, claws, speed, agility, or any kind of body armor with which to protect itself (v. 4). Sheep tend to be timid, restless and even a bit nervous at times. Consequently, they will not drink water from a loud, rushing stream—the water source must be still and calm (vv.2-3). And they will not sleep unless they feel totally safe and secure. This is why the shepherd will construct a sheepfold to enclose, shelter and protect them. In short, sheep require constant care and attentive supervision (vv. 4-5).

After reading this, it's not surprising to most of us that the Bible often refers to God's people as "sheep" (Ps 79:13; 95:7; 100:3). But the more encouraging news is that the LORD is our Shepherd! And, while in the Shepherd's tender loving care, we can be assured that our every need will be adequately met and we will lack nothing (Ps 23:1). As with Israel of old, our Shepherd guides us like a flock (Ps 78:52). "And the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And When he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice" (Jn 10:3-4).

Not only does our Good Shepherd guide us, provide for us, care for us, and protect us—He gives His life for us! Jesus proclaimed: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep (Jn 10:11). Yes, "all we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his ➔

own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Is 53:6). He "Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls" (1 Pet 2:24-25). "And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away!" (1 Pet 5:4). The inspired Psalmist sums it up well: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever!" Amen! (Ps 23:6).

— Terry Schmidt ✍



Our Deepest Sympathy

Our sincerest condolences are extended to the Lord's church and the family of Paul Bullock as they mourn the death of their loved one, who passed away on March 30th. May God's steadfast presence and tender compassion provide strength & comfort to these dear ones during this difficult time of grief and loss. ☩

We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. — Psalm 100:3

😊 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!





Jim & Pat — April 28th



We will enjoy our potluck fellowship today after services. Please plan to stay for this special time of food, fun and fellowship! ☺

"...food which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth." — 1 Timothy 4:3

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 4,184
This Month: 5,025



SNACKS!

April 11: Paula
April 18: Jan

Attendance & Contribution for April 4, 2021

Attendance — 15
Contribution — \$398.

Order of Worship

April 11, 2021

*"I was glad when they said unto me,
'Let us go into the house of the LORD'."*

- Psalm 122:1 -

*"But Christ as a son over His own house;
whose house are we, if we hold fast the
confidence and the rejoicing of the hope
firm unto the end."*

- Hebrews 3:6 -

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—59

Opening Prayer: *Erik Grabowski*

Song—165

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*
~ Psalm 23 ~

Song—289

The Lord's Supper:
George Cuvellier & Ernie Perry

Song—73

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
Sheep Need a Shepherd

Song—170

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

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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 -*

## April 11, 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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