



Prayer Requests:

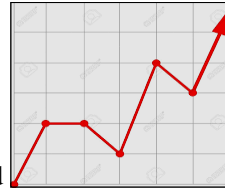
"Pray for one another"

- 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 - 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 recovering
- Paul Cote - 3/23 surgery removed a cancerous tumor from his frontal lobe; now recovering; beginning radiation & chemotherapy this week
- 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; a recent CTSCAN revealed that the cancer is still advancing, but chemo is definitely slowing its rate of growth
- 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

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

God's Plan for Church Growth



Someone has said, "Good preaching comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable." This is an accurate observation because God's word does both. Paul, in Romans 15:4 speaks of the "comfort of the Scriptures." And Hebrews 4:12 tells us that "the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." In short, because God's word is truth (Ps 119:142; John 17:17), it gets to the heart of the matter which, of course, always involves the heart.

Like seed (Luke 8:1-15), God's word is endowed with life-giving energy. It is dynamic, effective, full of life, and at work in the hearts of men and women in whom it is planted. When received with meekness, the implanted word is able to save souls (James 1:21). Peter states that we purify our souls when we obey the truth of God's word and are "born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever" (1 Peter 1:22-23). Paul noted that the gospel of Christ "is the power of God unto salvation for everyone who believes..." (Romans 1:16).

The early church grew rapidly in large part due to the faithful preaching and teaching of the word of God, of which God himself says: "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11).

Consider these passages from the Book of Acts: "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ" (5:42); "And the word of God increased; and the number of disciples multiplied..." (6:7); "Therefore, they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word" (8:4); "Then Philip...preached Christ unto them" (8:5); "But when they believed Philip preaching the things

concerning the kingdom of God, and the Name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women" (8:12); "Then Philip...preached unto him Jesus" (8:35); "But the word of God grew and multiplied" (12:24); "And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God" (13:5); "And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region" (13:49); "And there they preached the gospel" (14:7); "So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed" (19:20).

"And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47). "And so, were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily" (Acts 16:5). This is why we are commanded to go and "teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things" that Jesus commanded (Matthew 28:19-20). As the first century church has shown, the preaching and teaching of the word is God's plan for church growth, and we cannot improve upon it. So let us, "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching" (2 Tim 4:2).

— 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

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." — Acts 4:12



May 3rd - Paula Kennedy
 May 9th - Jim Miller
 May 16th - Betty Schmidt
 May 30th - Paul Cote

**POT LUCK FELLOWSHIP --
 NEXT SUNDAY -- MAY 9TH**

In Loving Memory



A memorial service will be held here at the building to mourn the passing and honor the life of our dear sister **Sandy Gagnon** on Saturday, May 8 at 12:30. Finger foods and refreshments will be available afterwards for a time of fellowship and visitation. At 2:00, those who wish may accompany the family to Evergreen Cemetery for the committal service which will be held at 2:30. †

May 2: Cathy
 May 9: Paula

SNACKS!

*Attendance & Contribution
 for April 25, 2021*

Attendance — 22
 Contribution — \$809.

Order of Worship

May 2, 2021

"Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. For our God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding."

- Psalm 47:6-7 -

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—216

Opening Prayer: *George Cuvellier*

Song—227

Scripture Reading: *Erik Grabowski*
 ~ 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 ~

Song—179

The Lord's Supper:
Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

Song—220

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
 The Weapons of Our Warfare

Song—225

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Terry Schmidt

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Terry Kennedy*

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

**May 2, 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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