



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Robbie Andrews (gospel preacher, Lineville, AL) - spine/nerve compression/left arm issues
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Tish Clarke (wife of BJ Clarke, director of the Memphis School of Preaching) - has malignant brain tumor & cancerous lymph node
- Corona Pandemic - its effect & overall impact on our lives, the nation and the world
- Diane Cote - suffering with a prolonged and severe virus; other health concerns also
- Randy Cote (Diane's son) - alcohol addiction
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Bob Kenneth (friend of Terry & Betty) - having difficulty recovering from walking pneumonia
- Jim & Pat Miller - now recovering from Covid
- Alan Nichols - in Virginia for a few more weeks to complete job training for PNSY in Kittery (we miss you Alan! God be with you! ☩)
- Norman Roy - ongoing health concerns
- Wayne Sampson - ongoing anxiety attacks
- Betty Schmidt - fell at work and broke her left arm; healing & doing well w/ physical therapy
- Soper Family - grieving the untimely loss of their dear loved one, Paul
- 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 sick & suffering and those who are spiritually weak & struggling

"The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers."

~ 1 Peter 3:12 ~

Satan and His Devices



As Christians, you & I (by virtue of being "in Christ" – 2 Cor 5:17; Gal 3:27), are automatically dispatched to the battlefield of spiritual warfare. *"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand!"* (Eph 6:12-13).

A key element in any kind of combat is to know your enemy. As soldiers of Christ, our enemy is Satan. God's word points out that, if we are ignorant of Satan's devices [methods; tactics; strategies], we give him substantial advantage (2 Cor 2:11). Jesus, who "saw Satan fall like lightening from heaven" (Lk 10:18), gives us a scriptural definition of our adversary which provides valuable insight into who he is, what he does, and how he works: *"He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it"* (Jn 8:44). From this we learn that Satan, who "has sinned from the beginning" (1 Jn 3:8), deals in the realm of falsehood, lies and deception. He works persistently and relentlessly to distort, pervert, and misrepresent the truth (this includes God's word—Jn 17:17).

Because of his innate treachery and hatred for God and His creation, the serpent (Satan) brought sin into the world by tempting Eve with dishonest doubts and false promises (Gen 3). Because he is the "accuser of our brethren," who accuses them before our God, day and night (Rev 12:10), Satan brought about Job's tremendous personal loss and intense suffering (Book of Job), along with the deaths of many saints throughout the centuries (Rev 17:6; 18:24). Because of his audacious pride (Is 14:12-14; 1 Tim 3:7), Satan tried to tempt the holy Son of God during His earthly ministry (Mt 4:1-11; Lk 4:1-13). Because of his insidious ability to deceive, Satan can be "transformed" and appear

even as "an angel of light" (2 Cor 11:13-15). He is "the god of this world," who "has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (2 Cor 4:4). The tempter (1 Thess 3:5), "who deceives the whole world" (Rev 12:9), is all about the destruction of your soul and seeks to bring about your spiritual ruin.

"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil" (1 Jn 3:8). *"Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil"* (Heb 2:14). When the Lord Jesus Christ commissioned the apostle Paul on the road to Damascus, He said: *"I now send you to open their eyes and to turn them [the Gentiles] from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me"* (Acts 26:17-18).

Because of Christ's sacrifice for you & me – the shedding of His innocent blood on the cruel cross of Calvary – His death burial and resurrection – we who have been "baptized into Christ" (Gal 3:27), for the remission of our sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rev 1:5), now have the hope of eternal life! For *"the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death"* (1 Cor 15:26). *"Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory! O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?' The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"* (1 Cor 15:54-57). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

☺ Welcome Visitors! ☺

We are glad you have come to worship with us and 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. Also, please fill out one of our visitor's cards before you depart.

Thank you and have a great week!

The name “Satan” comes from a Hebrew word signifying an adversary, an enemy, and an accuser. In God’s Word, we discover that Satan is God’s enemy and is against everything for which God stands. He is the archenemy of good. But Satan was not always evil. In the beginning, he was an angel created in perfection and beauty. Angels were given a will with a free moral choice, and “Lucifer” chose to do evil and rebelled against God. He was cast out of heaven to the earth because of his sin. *“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer ... For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God ... I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit”* (Isaiah 14:12-15). Satan’s sins were pride and covetousness. He desired God’s throne and set his will against God’s will. This is still man’s sin today: the refusal to do God’s will, with the same attitude of “I will.” Satan chose to rebel and it brought him down to hell. Sadly, people are making the same choice today and those who rebel will ultimately go down to the pit (hell) along with the devil.

—Taken from: <https://bibleresources.org/satan/>

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 11,834
This Month: 31,070



SNACKS!

Jan 22: Jan
Jan 29: Betty

Attendance & Contribution

for January 15, 2023

Attendance — 15
Contribution — \$415

Order of Worship

January 22, 2023

“Give unto the LORD the glory due unto His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.”

📖 - Psalm 29:2 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—437

Opening Prayer: *Louis Bureau*

Song—52

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*
~ John 8:44; Revelation 12:9 ~

Song—287

The Lord’s Supper
George Cuvellier & Wayne Sampson

Song—111

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
“Satan’s Three Biggest Lies”

Song—522

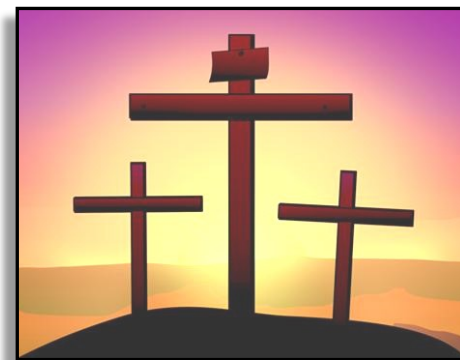
Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Terry Schmidt

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Lord’s Supper Prep: *Any servant*

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

**January 22, 2023**

### Meeting on the Lord’s Day:

9:30 am — Bible Class  
10:30 am — Worship

*“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 -

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