



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Louis Bureau - injured his left shoulder at work
- 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 - numerous health concerns
- Randy Cote (Diane's son) - alcohol addiction
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Michael Hatcher (preacher for the Bellview church in Pensacola, FL) - having surgery this month to remove a growth on one of his kidneys; please pray for his wife Karen also
- Kathleen Judkins - numerous health concerns
- George Nick & Family - Wife & daughter in IL suffering from long-range Covid; George (also in IL) now suffering with a sepsis infection
- Norman Roy - ongoing health concerns
- Wayne Sampson - ongoing anxiety attacks
- 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



"And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us: and if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him."

Encouragement



In various places in Scripture, God commands his children to encourage one another and build each other up (1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 3:12-14). The word "encourage" literally means "to inspire with hope, courage or confidence; to give support to." Synonyms would include words or phrases like hearten, strengthen, inspire, motivate, cheer-up, spur-on, give-confidence, and help.

The King James Version uses the words exhort and edify. The Greek word translated "exhort" means "to come near to console, comfort, and strengthen." To "edify" is "to build up and restore in order to strengthen and promote growth." More specifically, the words edify and edification can be understood literally as "the act of building" and they include the idea of "the promotion of spiritual growth" (See *Vine's Expository Dictionary*). This means, as Christians, you and I are in the building business! The world does its best to tear us down. But in the Lord's church, we are to build each other up. *"But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith!"* (Jude 20).

And, among those of the world, *"Let everyone of us please his neighbor [fellowman] for his good to edification" [to build him up]* (Romans 15:2). In our relationships and dealings with others, we should strive to *"Let nothing be done through self-ish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others"* (Philippians 2:3-4). In your speech, *"Let no corrupt [rotten, worthless, morally bad] communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying [encouraging, building up, promoting spiritual growth], that it may minister grace unto the hearers"* (Ephesians 4:29).

What we say and do should seek to build others up, promote their spiritual growth, help to develop godly character in them and strengthen their faith. So, *"let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my*

strength, and my redeemer" (Psalm 19:14). Our words and behavior should serve to strengthen, build up and encourage—not weaken, tear down and discourage. Therefore, *"let your speech be always with grace [gracious], seasoned with salt" [tasteful, palatable, acceptable, agreeable]* (Col 4:6). And, *"let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another!"* (Romans 14:19).

— 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

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"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 -

☺ **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. Also, please fill out one of our visitor's cards before you depart.

Have a great week! ☺





Jim & Pat — April 28th



We will enjoy our pot luck meal today after services. We hope you will stay for this special time of food, fun and fellowship! ☺

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING & LADIES' MEETING TODAY AFTER POTLUCK ☺

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 7,980
This Month: 17,097



SNACKS!

April 16: Pat
April 23: Kathleen

Attendance & Contribution
for April 9, 2023

Attendance — 19
Contribution — \$1,025

Order of Worship

April 16, 2023

*"While I live, I will praise the LORD:
I will sing praises unto my God
while I have any being."*

📖 - Psalm 146:2 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—190

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—514

Scripture Reading: *Louis Bureau*
- Philemon 1:3-7 -

Song—287

The Lord's Supper
Wayne Sampson & Jason Kennedy

Song—656

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

*"Philemon—A Masterpiece
in Human Relations"*

Song—593

Announcements & Closing Prayer
George Cuvellier

Lord's Supper Prep: *Pat Miller*

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

April 16, 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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