



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
- Alan Nichols - in Virginia for another month to complete job training for PNSY in Kittery (we miss you Alan! God be with you! ☩)
- Norman Roy - ongoing health concerns
- Wayne Sampson - recovering from double pneumonia; struggle continues with ongoing anxiety attacks
- Betty Schmidt - fell at work and broke her left arm; wearing an adjustable arm splint for a few weeks, along with physical therapy
- Soper Family - grieving the untimely loss of their dear loved one, Paul
- 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 ~

Obedience



As Christians, we are called to a life of obedience. The word *obedience* is defined by Webster's 1828 Dictionary as: *To comply with the commands, orders or instructions of a superior, or with the requirements of law, moral, political or municipal; to do that which is commanded or required, or to forbear doing that which is prohibited.* Obedience also conveys the idea of submission and trust. Through our obedience, we acknowledge and accept God's authority.

God both *desires* and *deserves* our obedience. As He says to Israel of old in Exodus 19:5, *"Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people."* And again, in Deuteronomy 28:1, *"Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessing shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God."* But verse 15 points out the sobering truth that if they did not obey the Lord God and failed to carefully observe all His commandments and statutes, they would be cursed.

As disciples of Christ, we are to faithfully and lovingly follow the Lord's commandments as well as His example. For Jesus himself said, *"If you love Me, keep [obey] My commandments"* (John 14:15). And again, *"If anyone loves Me, he will keep [obey] My word"* (Jn 14:23). Because our motivation in obeying God is love (Mk 12:30; 2 Cor 5:14; 1 Jn 4:19), ours will be a willing obedience from the heart (Col 3:22-23).

A loving, obedient heart is one reflecting behavior that is respectful and mindful of the will of God expressed in His word. Our faithful obedience gives evidence to those around us as to what we believe. Consistent obedience reflects our love for God and demonstrates our faith in God. And the supreme test in both these areas is our unwavering obedience. *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye*

steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord!" (1 Cor 15:58).

— 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 -

☺ **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! ☺





Pot Luck & Yankee Swap

Today, after services, we will enjoy our annual Yankee Swap, along with our Potluck meal. We hope you have made plans to stay for this special time of food, fun & fellowship! 😊



Points to Ponder

"Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it."

(Jesus - Luke 11:28)

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 9,801

This Month: 9,801



SNACKS!

Jan 8: Paula

Jan 15: Terry K

Attendance & Contribution

for January 1, 2023

Attendance — 17

Contribution — \$355

Order of Worship

January 8, 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—5

Opening Prayer: Louis Bureau

Song—332

Scripture Reading: Jason Kennedy

~ Joshua 4:19-24 ~

Song—276

The Lord's Supper

George Cuvellier & Wayne Sampson

Song—327

Sermon: Terry Schmidt

"Crossing the Jordan — By the Mighty Hand of God"

Song—644

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

Jim Miller

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Lord's Supper Prep: Pat Miller

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

## January 8, 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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