



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Robbie Andrews (preacher in Lineville, AL) - recovering from Rocky Mountain Fever and two broken ribs sustained in a bad fall
- Louis Bureau - injured his left shoulder at work and is to be schedule for corrective surgery
- 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
- 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) - recovering from recent abdominal surgery
- 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



[Thus saith the Lord]: "Gather My saints together unto Me; those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice. . . . And call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me."

Thinking of My Mom on Mothers Day



In Hebrews 13:5 God's word tells us to be content with the things we have. As I look back over the years, I think this was very true of my mother's life. She wasn't rich by the world's standards—she didn't possess a lot of material things or enjoy a successful career outside the home. But Mom was rich! She possessed treasures of enduring value—worth more than silver and gold. She was content to simply be a good, devoted wife to my Dad; a loving, nurturing mother to her children; and a very capable, highly proficient housekeeper. These are the things she loved. These are the things she took pride in. These are the things that made her happy.

One of the many pleasant memories I have of my childhood is Mom going around the house singing. She had a beautiful voice and loved to sing. Even while cleaning, she would sing hymns, country-western songs, or sing along with whatever music was on the radio. I especially loved hearing her sing Christmas songs and carols around Christmas-time (I can still hear her singing *Away in a Manger* - *Silent Night* - *Silver Bells*). When we were young, Mom sang a lot. She sang because she was happy. She was content and fulfilled in being a housewife and mother.

As my family watched the menacing, ever encroaching Multiple Sclerosis invade her body and rob her of her freedom, mobility, and quality of life; we saw that it could not and did not rob her of her dignity. For more than 30 years, all through her struggle with MS, she continued to exhibit the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight (1 Peter 3:4). She (and Dad) made the necessary and difficult adjustments and continued on.

And as they continued on, through Mom's suffering and weakening, their love and devotion for one another grew deeper and stronger, and was an inspiration to those of us who witnessed it. Galatians 5:13 says that we are to serve one another in love. I believe this accurately expresses the way my Dad cared for Mom when she was no longer able to

care for herself. His dedicated devotion to Mom, and her trusting, adoring love for him, is a beautiful testimony to the vows they had taken so many years ago: To love one another, for better or for worse; through sickness and in health.

God created the institution of motherhood and blessed it. In His word He defines what motherhood is and exalts the work and responsibilities of mothers. And God expects us to appreciate and honor our mothers, giving them their due respect. *"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her"* (Proverbs 31:28). May this be our heartfelt practice, not only on Mother's Day, but every day of the year!

— 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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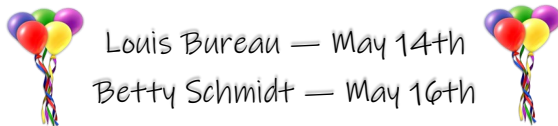
☺ **Welcome Visitors** ☺

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! ☺



Happy Birthday!



George & Cathy — May 31st

Pot Luck Fellowship

Next Sunday, May 21st, after services — Followed by the Men's Business Meeting and a Ladies Meeting. ☺

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 8,895
This Month: 11,053



SNACKS!

May 14: Betty
May 21: Paula

Attendance & Contribution for May 7, 2023

Attendance — 14
Contribution — \$590

Order of Worship

May 14, 2023

"O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth."

📖 - Isaiah 25:1 - 📖

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Song—66

Opening Prayer: George Cuvellier

Song—661

Scripture Reading: Jim Miller
- Ephesians 6:1-4 -

Song—649

The Lord's Supper
Louis Bureau & Wayne Sampson

Song—397

Sermon: Terry Schmidt
"Thoughts on Motherhood
and Godly Mothers"

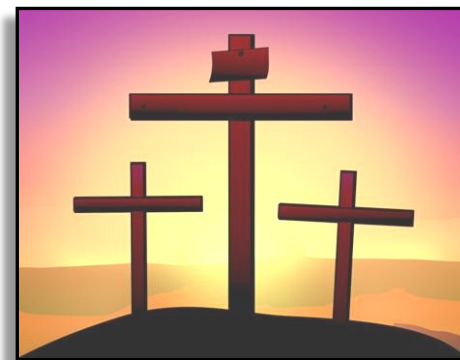
Song—655

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Jason Kennedy

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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 14, 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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