



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Robbie Andrews (gospel preacher, Lineville, AL) - undergoing medical evals for cervical 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) - diagnosed with a malignant melanoma brain tumor & cancerous lymph node
- Corona Pandemic - its effect & overall impact on our lives, the nation and the world
- Diane Cote - diagnosed with a paralyzed nerve in her right foot; 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
- Kathleen Judkins - numerous health issues
- Alan Nichols - in Virginia for a few months to complete job training for PNSY in Kittery (we miss you Alan! God be with you! †)
- Norman Roy - ongoing health concerns
- Wayne Sampson - pain & restricted movement in right shoulder; surgery not an option; hopefully healing on its own; struggle continues w/ 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
- 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 prayer of the upright is His delight . . .
He hears the prayer of the righteous."*

~ Proverbs 15:8, 29 ~

Happy New Year!



While New Year's Day is really no different than any other day, it does provide us with a "mile marker" as we travel down the highway of life. This gives us an excellent opportunity to look back over the previous year to thoughtfully reflect on what we've accomplished, and to carefully consider some things we may have left undone. Used wisely, this can be a profitable and productive time of deep introspection, self-examination, and soul-searching.

However, taking a good look at ourselves is often difficult because we don't always like what we see. It's here that the wisdom of a bumper sticker can offer some help and encouragement. It reads, "Please be patient with me—God's not finished with me yet!" All of us can identify with this statement and acknowledge the truth of it. We can be thankful that God loves us; that He does not expect perfection from us (none of us can give Him that anyway); that He accepts us and loves us as we are; and that He always seeks our good and has our best interest at heart in everything!

"Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him. Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him. The young lions lack and suffer hunger; but those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing!" (Psalm 34:8-10). The psalmist continues his heartfelt praise to the LORD: "[Men] shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, and shall sing of Your righteousness. The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. The LORD is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works!" (Psalm 145:7-9).

Who would not want to willingly, lovingly, and obediently serve a God as eminent, beneficent, and magnificent as that? "Oh, that men would praise the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness" (Psalm 107:8-9).

As we engage in welcoming another year with its potential for positive change, the promise of new opportunities, and (no doubt), many challenging tests and trials ... may our overriding New Year's resolution be to draw closer to God than we've ever been before! (James 4:7-8).

— 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! 😊





Pot Luck & Yankee Swap

Our annual Yankee Swap, along with our Potluck, have been rescheduled for next Sunday **January 8th**, after services. We hope you will make plans to stay for this time of food, fun & fellowship! 😊



Points to Ponder

Faithfulness in small things defines our character.

(See Luke 16:10-12)

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 9,256

Dec Total: 36,434



SNACKS!

Jan 1: Kathleen

Jan 8: Paula

Attendance & Contribution

for December 25, 2022

Attendance — 8

Contribution — \$332

Order of Worship

January 1, 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—120

Opening Prayer: *Louis Bureau*

Song—100

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*

~ Luke 12:42-48 ~

Song—4

The Lord's Supper

George Cuvellier & Wayne Sampson

Song—114

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"Stewardship: Improving Our Service to God"

Song—84

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 1, 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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