



## 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 scheduled for surgery on June 15th
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Cleary's (Sampson's neighbors) - John is at SMHC suffering with Cephalitis virus; his wife Ceciela fell in parking lot with many injuries
- Corona Pandemic - its effect & overall impact on our lives, the nation and the world
- Diane Cote - left leg was amputated up to the knee on 6/2 due to a progression of gangrene as a result of diabetes; now healing at SMHC
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- George Nick & Family - Wife & daughter in IL suffering from long-range Covid; George (also in IL) suffering with a serious sepsis infection
- Norman Roy - ongoing health concerns
- Wayne Sampson - ongoing anxiety attacks
- Molly Urghart (mother of Wayne & Jan's granddaughter, River) - undergoing chemotherapy for stage 3 esophageal cancer
- 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 ~



## Whatever Happened to Sin?



We live in a time where the word 'sin' has become conspicuously scarce if not totally absent. In our modern, enlightened, pluralistic society we seldom hear about people actually "sinning." And even in the religious world, theological syncretism has redefined sin, reducing it to mere maladies, disorders and syndromes. This is mainly due to the fact that modern man has audaciously declared his independence from God. In fact, he refuses to even acknowledge the existence of God. The reasoning logically follows: if there is no God then one could not possibly sin against God.

As Christians living in a secular society, we find ourselves in the unpopular position of believing in Jehovah God (the eternal, self-existent One) and in His holy word, preserved for us through the centuries in what we know as the Holy Bible. And sin is a predominant topic found in our Bibles. Both the old and new testaments are replete with references to sin.

A simple and general definition of sin is given in 1 John 5:17: "All unrighteousness (wrong doing) is sin." Another general definition is found in Romans 14:23: "...whatever is not from faith is sin." There is also the sin of omission: "Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). And there is the sin of commission: "Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness" (1 John 3:4). I prefer the King James Version rendering of this last verse: "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law." The word translated sin means literally "to miss the mark." To transgress literally means "to go beyond," or to "overstep the boundary." This is an accurate depiction of what sin is.

Our gracious God has established boundaries and guidelines to govern our lives. Because our heavenly Father loves us and has our best interest at heart, He put these God-given boundaries in place for our good. But when we choose to overstep these boundaries or go beyond their God-given limits, we sin. Such is our plight! "As it is written:

'There is none righteous, no not one'" (Romans 3:10). "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). And finally, "the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23). Such is the human predicament! Sin is real! And sin can condemn us eternally!

While the world around us chooses to ignore sin and ridicule those who warn against its damaging influence and destructive consequences, our holy God takes sin very seriously. So much so that He sent his only begotten Son into the world to pay the penalty for our sin so that we could be saved and have eternal life with Him (John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10). "And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the whole world" (1 John 2:2). Jesus came to give His life as a ransom for mankind (Mark 10:45; 1 Timothy 2:3-6). The incredibly high cost of Christ's redemptive work on the cross should impress upon all of us the reality, seriousness, and severity of sin. — **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 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. Have a great week!*



Jan Sampson — June 11th  
Georine Cuvellier — June 25th

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



*"...food which God created to be received with  
thanksgiving by those who believe and  
know the truth."* — 1 Timothy 4:3



### Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 9,172  
This Month: 11,428

## SNACKS!

June 11: Paula  
June 18: Kathleen

### Attendance & Contribution

for June 4, 2023

Attendance — 21  
Contribution — \$790

## Order of Worship

June 11, 2023

*"Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing  
praises unto our King, sing praises.  
For God is the King of all the earth:  
sing ye praises with understanding"*

📖 - Psalm 47:6-7 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—63

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song—53

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier*  
- Ephesians 2:1-5 -

Song—574

The Lord's Supper  
*Jim Miller & Louis Bureau*

Song—590

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"Seven Characteristics of Sin"

Song—197

Announcements & Closing Prayer  
*Wayne Sampson*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Paula Kennedy*

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

## June 11, 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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