



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Robbie Andrews (preacher in Lineville, AL) - retinal inflammation; undergoing an intensive treatment which may be improving his vision
- Michael Baldasaro (Wayne & Jan's son in law - undergoing surgery on 9/21 to address cancer of tonsils which has spread to lymph nodes; also pray for wife Teal, kids Isobel & Giovanni
- Louis Bureau - injured left shoulder at work & is gradually recovering from surgery
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Cleary's (Sampson's neighbors) - John is at stage 4 COPD and is receiving hospice care at home; his wife Cecelia is recovering from a broken wrist and sprained ankle
- Diane Cote - left leg amputated up to the knee due to a progression of gangrene as a result of diabetes; will be fitted with a prosthesis and undergo prosthetic rehab in the near future
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Linda Gloman - colon cancer was detected in a recent colonoscopy; laparoscopic surgery on 8/10 was successful, with additional cancer found in only 1 lymph node; chemotherapy is needed, but Dr. says cancer is "totally curable"
- Terry Kennedy - surgery scheduled for 10/19 to remove a cyst in her abdomen
- Molly Urghart (mother of Wayne & Jan's granddaughter, River)- her stage 4 esophageal cancer has spread to other areas; undergoing aggressive chemotherapy; prayers needed
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for those not with us today — the sick & suffering and those who are spiritually weak & struggling

God's Righteous Justice



The Creator of all mankind is a holy God. We serve a God who is fully righteous and completely sinless. As such, His divine character demands that He be a "just" God. In order to be true to His essential character, God *must* (of necessity) be just. That is, His judgments will always be impartial, reasonable and fair. If you & I were standing there on that great Day when God renders His final judgment, we would not want to protest nor challenge His divine decision. Because, "we know that the judgment of God is according to truth" (Rom 2:2). And "surely God will never do wickedly, nor will the Almighty pervert justice" (Job 34:12).

As the scriptures rightly declare: "He is the Rock; His work is perfect; for all His ways are just. He is a God of faithfulness and without injustice; righteous and upright is He" (Dt 32:4). And God Himself adds: "For I, the Lord, love justice" (Is 61:8). Indeed, "righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; mercy and truth go before Your face" (Ps 89:14). Just as justice flows out of God's holiness ... love, grace and mercy flow out of His inherent goodness. "Therefore, the Lord will wait, that He may be gracious to you; and therefore, He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him" (Is 30:18).

God's justice is often revealed in His defense, protection and care of the poor and needy. "[He] keeps truth forever, Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry. The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners. The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD raises those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the strangers [foreigners; sojourners]; He relieves the fatherless and widow; but the way of the wicked He turns upside down!" (Ps 146:6-9).

Indeed, "He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained" (Acts 17:31). "He is coming to judge the earth; He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity" (Ps 98:9).

"He has prepared His throne for judgment. He shall judge the world in righteousness, and He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness" (Ps 9:7-8). "That they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thess 2:12).

Justice demands that sinners be punished with death (eternal separation from God – Rom 6:23). But, through His eternal plan of redemption, our gracious God has made it possible for mankind to be saved from this eternal condemnation (Rom 5:6-11; 1 Tim 2:3-6). "Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (Rom 3:24-26).

Because of what Christ has done on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins, God can now be just (as He must be), and He can also be the justifier as He desires to be! And that's Good News for you and me! "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Cor 9:15). — **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

😊 **Welcome Visitors!** 😊

We are glad to have you as our honored guests!



Jason Kennedy — Sept 11
Genesis Cuvellier — Sept 26th

Pot Luck Fellowship

Today after services — Followed by
the Men's Business Meeting
and a Ladies Meeting. ☺

We are pleased to report that we were able to send \$500 to the Aloha Church of Christ - Maui, located in Wailuku, Hawaii, to help members who have lost most or perhaps all of their possessions in the recent devastating wildfires. We may decide to send more financial assistance if needed. "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10).

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 10,806
This Month: 11,856



SNACKS!

Sept 10: Paula
Sept 17: Cathy

Attendance & Contribution for September 3, 2023

Attendance — 16
Contribution — \$242

Order of Worship

September 10, 2023

*"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD all ye
lands. Serve the LORD with gladness:
come be His presence with singing."*

📖 - Psalm 100:1-2 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—401

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—578

Scripture Reading: *Louis Bureau*
- Nahum 1:14 -

Song—649

The Lord's Supper
Wayne Sampson & Jason Kennedy

Song—572

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Nahum and His Burden
Against Nineveh"

Song—636

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 -*

September 10, 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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