



## 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
- Jim & Pat Miller - now recovering from Covid
- 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; healing & doing well w/ 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 ~

## A Determined Faith



*"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering"* (Hebrews 10:23). That's it! This is the perfect scriptural definition of a determined faith – to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering! Another powerful scripture that comes into play here is 1 Corinthians 15:58: *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord!"* Having and maintaining a determined faith is extremely important, *"For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end"* (Hebrews 3:14).

It was a determined faith that strengthened God's servant Joseph against the daily temptations of Potiphar's wife and enabled him to say: *"How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"* (Genesis 39:9). It was a determined faith that prompted the suffering Job to confidently exclaim (regarding God): *"Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him!"* (Job 13:15). It was a determined faith that empowered Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to boldly answer King Nebuchadnezzar (with the threat of death in a fiery furnace): *"If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up!"* (Daniel 3:17-18). It was a determined faith that allowed the apostle Peter and the other apostles (with the threat of beatings and even death) to fearlessly reply to the high priest before the Sanhedrin Jewish council: *"We ought to obey God rather than men!"* (Acts 5:29). And it was a determined faith that caused them to rejoice (after being beaten), that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for the name of Christ, and it motivated them to continue to teach and preach Jesus (Acts 5:40-42).

All these servants of God (and many more) possessed and maintained a determined faith through-

out their lives, which often cost them their lives – *"of whom the world was not worthy!"* (Hebrews 11:38). What was it that strengthened and sustained them through all their tremendous trials and tribulations? At least part of the answer lies in the remainder of Hebrews 10:23: *"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for He is faithful that promised!"* The holy God we serve is faithful in all things and worthy of our trust. Therefore, we may be assured that we can fully depend on our heavenly Father and rely on Him completely – without reservation. *"For He is faithful that promised!"* The cast-iron certainty of this truth will serve to compel you & me to *"be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord!"* — **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 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! ☺*





In order to satisfy the laws of the State of Maine, we will be having our annual corporation meeting directly after services today. Your presence & participation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you. ☺

*For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee” (Prov 23:7). What we think does matter! As research into the brain and how it functions continues, more evidence is showing that thousands of chemical changes occur with every single thought. Our thoughts will manifest themselves in either good or bad actions. This is why we are to be diligent in "bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor 10:5). As we think Christ-like thoughts, we will, through time, become like Christ! - <https://christian-faith.com/the-power-of-our-thoughts/>*

### Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 9,435  
This Month: 19,236



**SNACKS!**

Jan 15: Terry K  
Jan 22: Jan

### Attendance & Contribution for January 8, 2023

Attendance — 17  
Contribution — \$485

## Order of Worship

January 15, 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—11

Opening Prayer: *Louis Bureau*

Song—77

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*  
~ Mark 2:1-12 ~

Song—286

The Lord’s Supper  
*George Cuvellier & Wayne Sampson*

Song—559

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
“A Determined Faith”

Song—49

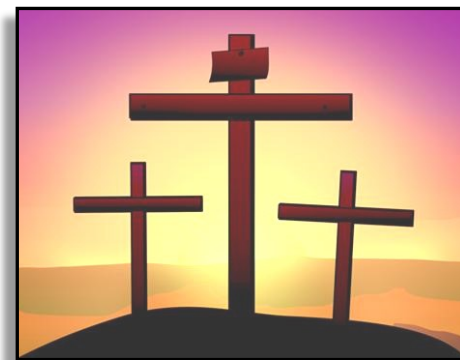
Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
*Jim Miller*

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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 15, 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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