



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; also experiencing loss of vision due to bilateral cataracts and a possible detached retina
- Louis Bureau - injured left shoulder at work; underwent a successful surgery on June 15th; will wear a shoulder brace for a few weeks
- 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
- 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 undergoing rehab at Southridge Rehabilitation & Living Center
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Pat Miller - recently injured due to a bad fall
- Norman Roy - doing much better now; thank you for all your prayers: greatly appreciated!
- Wayne Sampson - ongoing anxiety attacks
- Betty Schmidt - sustained a serious head injury (requiring stitches) in a recent fall
- Molly Urghart (mother of Wayne & Jan's granddaughter, River) - condition re-evaluated to stage 4 esophageal cancer; now undergoing chemotherapy; going to Boston for extensive treatment
- 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 ~

The Second Death



*And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. (Rev 20:12-14). Many people, if not most, fear death. And, knowing they can do nothing to prevent it, they do all they can to try to delay it. However, that which should be feared above all is *not* death, but the *second* death.*

Death can be simply and generally defined as a separation. Physical death is a separation of the soul from the body (which has ceased to function). As James 2:26 explains, *"For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."* It is when the spirit departs from the body that death occurs. And while the vital functions of the body may cease, our soul will continue to live on. *"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."* (Ecc 12:7). *"And as it appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment"* (Heb 9:27).

Spiritual death is also marked by separation. But this separation is one of the soul separated—or, more precisely—*isolated* from God for all eternity. This will happen *"when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power"* (2 Thess 1:7-9).

This reality is what makes hell . . . HELL! The "presence of the Lord" — His love, goodness, righteousness, holiness, blessings, etc. — will not be felt or even known there. Nor will anyone in hell experience "the glory of His power." The

Greek word translated "glory" has reference to the brightness and splendor of God's magnificent majesty, dignity and grace. These attributes will be totally absent in hell. Instead, there shall be "weeping and gnashing of teeth" in outer darkness (Mt 25:30), for *"the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers (male prostitutes), and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death"* (Rev 21:8).

An irrefutable, indisputable fact of life dictates that everyone must acknowledge the grim reality of death (Heb 2:15). However, many choose not to believe in the *second* death. But their misguided belief does not change the truth of God's word (Ps 119:142; Jn 17:17). Time and time again, during His earthly ministry, Jesus spoke of an eternal hell as a reality. And the Lord provides everyone with this serious and sobering warning: *"Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell"* (Mt 10:28). In this context, the word "destroy" does not mean (as some would prefer to believe), complete annihilation, but "an eternal misery in hell" (Thayer). Yes, *"these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous [the saved] into eternal life"* (Mt 25:46). — **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!



Tyler Kennedy — July 9th

Pat Miller — July 16th

Diane Cote — July 24th



Louis & Kelly — July 9th

Pot Luck Fellowship

~ Today after services ~

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 8,746

This Month: 9,423



SNACKS!

July 9: Potluck

July 16: Betty

Attendance & Contribution

for July 2, 2023

Attendance — 25

Contribution — \$352

Order of Worship

July 9, 2023

*“Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent
reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice
and give Him glory!”*

- Revelation 19:6-7 -

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Song—11

Opening Prayer: Wayne Sampson

Song—345

Scripture Reading: Jason Kennedy
- 1 Peter 5:6-11 -

Song—155

The Lord's Supper
George Cuvellier & Jim Miller

Song—666

Sermon: Terry Schmidt
“Satan—the Enemy of Our Souls”

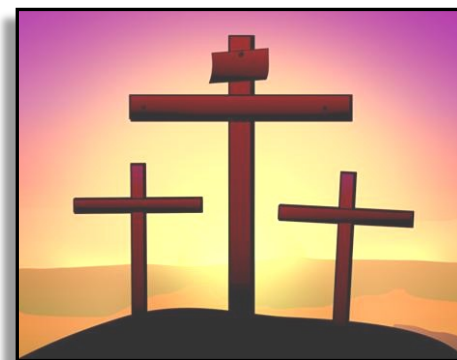
Song—336

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Louis Bureau

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Lord's Supper Prep: Betty Schmidt

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

## July 9, 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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