



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Louis Bureau - injured his left shoulder at work
- 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 - numerous health concerns
- Randy Cote (Diane's son) - alcohol addiction
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Michael Hatcher (preacher for the Bellview church in Pensacola, FL) - having surgery this month to remove a growth on one of his kidneys; please pray for his wife Karen also
- Kathleen Judkins - numerous health concerns
- George Nick & Family - Wife & daughter in IL suffering from long-range Covid; George (also in IL) now suffering with a sepsis infection
- Norman Roy - ongoing health concerns
- Wayne Sampson - ongoing anxiety attacks
- 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



"And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us: and if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him."

Preparation

CAUTION

Prepare to Meet Thy God!

In both the old and new testaments, God's word teaches that we should be a people who are prepared. *"Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise: which having no captain, overseer, or ruler, provides her supplies in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest"* (Pr 6:6-8). Even the small, seemingly insignificant ant instinctively knows enough to make proper preparation for its future survival. *"The prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished"* (Pr 22:3). Remaining alert and being ready for the unexpected—for trouble, hardship and danger, is the hallmark of preparedness.

Jesus taught much about one being alert, ready and prepared. In the parable of the ten virgins recorded in Matthew 25:1-13, the five wise virgins are commended and rewarded because they had the forethought to take extra oil for their lamps. They had anticipated and planned for the contingency of the Bridegroom being delayed. The foolish virgins made no such preparation and their lamps ran out of oil, resulting in their being shut out of the wedding. The message of Jesus' teaching is clear: a lack of adequate preparation can cause one to miss out on eternity! This is why He reminds us, *"Therefore you also be ready [prepared], for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect Him"* (Mt 24:44).

A good working definition of the word *prepare* is: "to make ready beforehand; to make or get something or someone ready for something that will happen in the future" (*Cambridge Dictionary*). Something that will definitely happen in everyone's future is death. Throughout the centuries, without exception, everyone who has lived . . . has died. *"And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment"* (Heb 9:27). *"For it is written: 'As I live, says the LORD, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.' So then, each of us shall give account of himself to God"* (Rom 14:11-12).

The inevitability of death and the certainty of judgment warrants one's thoughtful and intentional preparation for eternity. *"For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil"* (Ecc 12:14). This is why the prophet of old boldly proclaims the essential and needful admonition: *"Prepare to meet thy God!"* (Amos 4:12). Are you ready?

— 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! 😊





Jim & Pat — April 28th

PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD!

Careless soul, why will you linger,
Wandering from the fold of God?
Hear you not the invitation?
O prepare to meet thy God.

If you spurn the invitation,
Till the Spirit shall depart,
Then you'll see your sad condition,
Unprepared to meet thy God.

Careless soul, O heed the warning,
For your life will soon be gone,
O how sad to face the judgment,
Unprepared to meet thy God!

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 10,970
This Month: 28,067



SNACKS!

April 23: Kathleen
April 30: Terry K

Attendance & Contribution

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Attendance — 20
Contribution — \$745

Order of Worship

April 23, 2023

"While I live, ORD will pr a 159 Alfred Road, P.O. Box 344
I will sing praises unto West Kennebunk, ME 04094
while I ha"ve any being."

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Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—120

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—477

Scripture Reading: *Louis Bureau*

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Song—289

The Lord's Supper

Wayne Sampson & Jason Kennedy

Song—89

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

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Song—633

Announcements & Closing Prayer

George Cuvellier

Lord's Supper Prep: *Pat Miller*

Southern Maine Church of Christ



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

April 23, 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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