



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Robbie Andrews (preacher in Lineville, AL) - experiencing extremely poor vision due to retinal inflammation; undergoing an intensive treatment which may be improving his vision
- Louis Bureau - injured left shoulder at work; underwent a successful surgery on June 15th; wearing a shoulder brace & still quite painful
- 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 falling 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
- Linda Gloman - cancer detected in a recent colonoscopy; laparoscopic surgery scheduled for Aug 10th to remove part of the colon & 12 lymph nodes; if all this goes well, chemo may not be needed; continued prayers appreciated
- Wayne Sampson - ongoing anxiety attacks
- Molly Urghart (mother of Wayne & Jan's granddaughter, River) - condition re-evaluated to stage 4 esophageal cancer; now undergoing aggressive chemotherapy
- 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

*"Pray without ceasing."* — 1 Thess 5:17

## Interruptions, Delays, Difficulties and Disappointments

My job as a bus driver is largely defined by safely piloting 53,500 pounds of hi-tech rolling machinery on an established route and staying



on a set schedule—not running behind. Therefore, any obstacles causing delays in the schedule or interruptions causing a deviation from the set routine is usually not welcomed. Most of us live lives that are ordered by schedules or run by routine. We're busy. We're driven. We have places to go and things to do. Important things—at least to us. Interruptions, delays and disappointments may be a part of life, but they are often hard to accept because they are annoying, frustrating and highly irritating. We would much rather not have to deal with them. But deal with them we must. When faced with these inevitable trying circumstances, it is important for us to remember who we are.

During His earthly ministry, Jesus had much to do and lots to accomplish in those three short years. He was busy doing the most important work that would ever be done. And we see in the Gospels that He was often interrupted and delayed while doing His vitally important work. How do we see Jesus handling these unscheduled interruptions? Well, He always handled them with grace, dignity and calm. But the disciples, in whom we often see ourselves, were a different matter. We see them at times getting impatient and even indignant.

In Matthew 19:14 we read that little children were being brought to Jesus so that He could place His hands on them and pray for them. Probably something that was not in the daily planner. The disciple's reaction? They rebuked those who brought the children to Jesus! In Matthew 15:21-23 we see Jesus and His disciples in need of some privacy and rest (ever been there?). However, a desperate Canaanite woman desiring to have her demon-possessed daughter healed persistently begged the Lord for His help. The disciples obviously regarded this as an inconvenience and the woman as a

nuisance saying to Jesus, "Send her away, for she cries out after us (v. 23)." These words reveal no apparent concern for the woman's needs, nor her desperate situation. They just wanted to get rid of her and not be bothered.

Are we that way sometimes? When presented with interruptions, delays and difficulties (which never come at a convenient time), do we reveal an attitude of impatience, irritability and unconcern? With God's help, let's try to do better in this area. Let's follow the example of Jesus who always responded to these difficulties with grace, dignity and calm—and then turned them into opportunities for ministry. People were His business (Mt 9:36; Lk 19:10). And they should be ours too (Mt 5:43-48; 7:12; 20:25-28; Lk 10:33-37). As our Lord gently and lovingly reminds us: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40). — **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! 😊*





Wayne Sampson — August 14th

## Pot Luck Fellowship



We will enjoy our  
pot luck meal next  
Sunday, August 13th,  
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: 9,012

This Month: 2,139



## SNACKS!

Aug 6: Kathleen

Aug 13: Paula

### Attendance & Contribution

for July 30, 2023

Attendance — 15

Contribution — \$402

## Order of Worship

August 6, 2023

*"From the rising of the sun to  
its going down, the LORD's  
name is to be praised!"*

📖 - Psalm 113:3- 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—14

Opening Prayer: *Louis Bureau*

Song—68

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*  
- Romans 5:1-5 -

Song—119

The Lord's Supper  
*Jason Kennedy & George Cuvellier*

Song—495

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

*"Our Disappointments Are Often  
God's Divine Appointments"*

Song—437

Announcements & Closing Prayer  
*Jim Miller*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan*

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

## August 6, 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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