



## 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
- Louis Bureau - injured his left shoulder at work and is scheduled for surgery on June 15th
- 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
- Corona Pandemic - its effect & overall impact on our lives, the nation and the world
- 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 healing at SMHC
- 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) - recovering from recent abdominal surgery
- George Nick & Family - Wife & daughter in IL suffering from long-range Covid; George (also in IL) suffering with a serious 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

*"The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers."*

~ 1 Peter 3:12 ~



## Apostasy — Falling Away from the Faith



One of the saddest verses in the New Testament is perhaps penned by the heartbroken apostle Paul regarding his fallen fellow laborer: *"Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world"* (2 Tim 4:10). As a disciple of Christ, Demas had been *"once enlightened"* and had ... *"tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come"* (Heb 6:4-5), and had been an integral part of Paul's fruit-bearing ministry, but he eventually fell away from the faith.

Sadly, the regrettable account of Demas has been repeated many times over throughout the centuries. The apostle Peter writes, *"For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them, and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: 'A dog returns to his own vomit,' and 'A sow having washed, to her wallowing in the mire'"* (2 Pet 2:21-22).

What a sad and deplorable state to end up in, after having "known the way of righteousness." How could this happen? Can sin so harden even the hearts of the saved that they could depart from the living God and forfeit their salvation? Many warnings in scripture point to the fact that this can and does happen.

*"Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort [build up; strengthen; encourage] one another daily, while it is called 'Today,' lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin"* (Heb 3:12-13). *"Wherefore, let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall!"* (1 Cor 10:12). *"For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins"* (Heb 10:26). Why?

Because one who deliberately rejects Christ's salvation and chooses to go back into the world *"has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common [unholy] thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace"* (Heb 10:29). When this happens, the sad and regrettable outcome is clear. Thus, saith the Lord: *"Whosoever has sinned against Me, him will I blot out of my book"* (Ex 32:33). *"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire"* (Rev 20:15).

The heart of the problem is this: Demas, who should have loved the Lord his God with all his heart, soul, mind and strength (Mk 12:30), loved this present world instead. And, *"if anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him"* (1 Jn 2:15). At this stage, is there any hope? Yes ... it is found in the words of our Lord written to the church in Ephesus: *"I have this against you ... you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place — unless you repent!"* (Rev 2:4-5). — **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!*



George Cuvellier — June 5th  
 Jan Sampson — June 11th  
 Georine Cuvellier — June 25th

We will enjoy our  
 pot luck meal next  
 Sunday, June 11th,  
 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: 12,840  
 This Month: 2,256

## SNACKS!

June 4: Pat  
 June 11: Paula

### Attendance & Contribution for May 28, 2023

Attendance — 17  
 Contribution — \$480

## Order of Worship

June 4, 2023

*“Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing  
 praises unto our King, sing praises.  
 For God is the King of all the earth:  
 sing ye praises with understanding”*

📖 - Psalm 47:6-7- 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—120

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song—68

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier*  
 - 1 Corinthians 10:1-12 -

Song—119

The Lord's Supper  
*Jim Miller & Louis Bureau*

Song—345

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
 “Take Heed Lest Ye Fall”

Song—336

Announcements & Closing Prayer  
*Wayne Sampson*

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 Lord's Supper Prep: *Paula Kennedy*

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

## June 4, 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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