



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

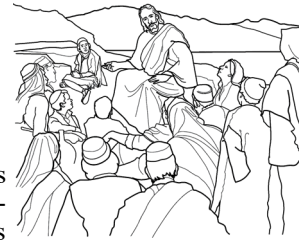
- James 5:16 -

- Robbie Andrews (gospel preacher, Lineville, AL) - spine/nerve compression/left arm issues
- 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
- 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
- Betty Schmidt - fell at work and broke her left arm; healing & doing well w/ physical therapy
- 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



"Spiritual labor is tiring work, and men are loath to do it. Praying, true praying, costs an outlay of serious attention and of time, which flesh and blood does not relish. Our praying needs to be pressed and pursued with an energy that never tires, a persistency which will not be denied, and a courage that never fails." – E. M. Bounds

## Jesus, the Master Teacher



When He walked this earth during His three-year ministry, Jesus was the master teacher. He taught, not only through His continuous sinless godly example, but through daily didactic discourse. The word for "teach" in the Greek is "*didasko*," from which we derive our English word "didactic." The word simply means "to teach; to instruct; to instill doctrine; to explain or expound a thing."

*"And He taught daily in the temple" (Lk 19:47). "They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught. And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (Mk 1:22). "He taught in their synagogues, being glorified [praised, honored] by all" (Lk 4:15). "And when He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, 'Where did the man get this wisdom and these mighty works?'" (Mt 13:54). "And the common people heard him gladly" (Mk 12:37).*

The gospel accounts reveal that the teaching sessions of Jesus would draw people by the thousands (Mt 14:13-21; 15:32-39). *"And again, He began to teach by the sea. And a great multitude was gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat in it on the sea; And the whole multitude was on the land facing the sea. Then He taught them many things by parables...." (Mk 4:1-2).*

In His teaching, Jesus used word pictures, told stories and employed many different figures of speech in order to allow his hearers to understand and comprehend what He taught, such as hyperbole, metaphors, similes and the paradox. However, Jesus' parables could either *reveal* truth or *conceal* truth, depending on the condition of the heart. Those "dull of hearing" having closed and hardened hearts would simply hear a nice story. But those with "honest and good hearts" (Lk 8:15), who "hunger and thirst for righteousness" (Mt 5:6),

would dig deeper and uncover the rich gems of God's precious and enduring truth.

Jesus was the master teacher because He was God in the flesh. *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (Jn 1:14).* He was "*Immanuel, which is translated, 'God with us'" (Mt 1:23).* Jesus came to this earth to save the souls of mankind, to teach us about God and His will for our lives (Mt 1:21; Lk 19:10; Jn 4:23-24; 6:44-46). More than that, Jesus came to this earth to show us God—for He said, *"He who has seen Me has seen the Father!" (Jn 14:9).* — **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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## 😊 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! 😊*





**A paradox** contains at least two parts that seem incapable of being true at the same time. Although the parts may seem contradictory, a closer study reveals otherwise. Biblical paradoxes, though they appear to be antithetical, nevertheless always reveal spiritual truths through the comparison of their parts. Jesus used paradoxes, along with other literary devices in Scripture such as symbolism, allegories and parables, as one of the many ways to manifest God's character, will and promises to humans. Biblical paradoxes exist as a teaching tool to reveal righteous and eternal principles. Many times, they contrast values of human origin with those given and sanctioned by God. Several of them given by Jesus also educate mankind on the Kingdom of God and the qualities required to enter and excel in it.

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### Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 10,711  
This Month: 9,850

## SNACKS!

March 5: Terry K  
March 12: Paula

### Attendance & Contribution

for February 26, 2023

Attendance — 20  
Contribution — \$526

## Order of Worship

March 5, 2023

*"What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also."*

 - 1 Corinthians 14:15 - 

Song—120

Opening Prayer

Song—230

Scripture Reading

- Mark 9:33-35 -

Song—301

The Lord's Supper

Song—255

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"Jesus' Teaching—the Use of Paradox"

Song—522

Announcements & Closing Prayer

Lord's Supper Prep: *Paula Kennedy*

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

## March 5, 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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