



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Robbie Andrews (preacher in Lineville, AL) - recovering from Rocky Mountain Fever; also experiencing extremely poor vision due to bilateral cataracts and retinal inflammation
- 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 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
- Linda Gloman - cancer detected in a recent colonoscopy; awaiting test results on extent & phase of the cancer; prayers appreciated
- Pat Miller - recently injured due to a bad fall
- Wayne Sampson - ongoing anxiety attacks
- Betty Schmidt - head injury is now almost completely healed; thank you for your prayers
- Molly Urghart (mother of Wayne & Jan's granddaughter, River) - condition re-evaluated to stage 4 esophageal cancer; now undergoing aggressive chemotherapy
- 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 ~

## Wherever You Go ... the Lord is There!



Wherever we are, we are always near God, and God is always near to us. As the Psalmist David observes: "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me" (Ps 139:7-10).

There is never a place we can go where God is not with us. Because "He is not far from each one of us" (Acts 17:27). He is everywhere present. Bible scholars and theologians refer to this as the omnipresence of God.

*From the rising of the sun to its going  
down, the LORD's name is to be praised!  
The LORD is high above all the nations,  
and His glory above the heavens,  
Who is like the LORD our God who  
dwells on high, who humbles Himself to  
behold the things that are in the heavens,  
and in the earth? — Psalm 113:3-6*

Yes, "the eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good" (Pr 15:3). To the disobedient, this fact may be unwelcomed and even unsettling. But to the obedient believer, the fact that God is always there—no matter what—provides great comfort and assurance.

The clear and certain fact is that no one can hide from God. "For His eyes are on the ways of man, and He sees all his steps" (Job 34:21). And, no one can run away from God. The prophet Jonah tried "to flee ... from the presence of the LORD" (Jonah 1:1-3), and it didn't work. In Jeremiah 23:24, God Himself confirms this with a rhetorical question: "Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?" says the LORD; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the LORD.

For the Christian, these words provide great hope and encouragement. God is always there. He is with us wherever we go and in whatever we do. Whether we're in the comfort of our own home, at

work, driving on the highway, traveling in some distant land, or flying in a Boeing 747 at 35,000 feet in the air—He is there!

And we can take Him at His word when he says: "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" (Heb 13:5-6). We can also take to heart the inspiring words God spoke to Joshua so long ago: "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9). — **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

*"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! 😊*



Diane Cote — July 24th

### The Omnipresence of God

If we could fully comprehend eternity, the omnipresence of God might be within our grasp. The eternal God, our Creator, is not limited by time. God proclaims, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty” (Rev 1:8, 21:6, 22:13). God is unrestricted with respect to time and space. He rules over all human history. He is omnipresent. This divine attribute confirms that our heavenly Father continually looks upon and is concerned with all mankind. In reverent awe, David asked, “Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?” (Psalm 139:7-18). There is no hiding from the Lord. God’s reach extends to every corner of the universe, as well as into the hearts of all mankind. “His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men” (Psalm 11:4 NASB).

### Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 9,633  
This Month: 21,009



## SNACKS!

July 23: Cathy  
July 30: Pat

### Attendance & Contribution

for July 16, 2023

Attendance — 16  
Contribution — \$370

## Order of Worship

July 23, 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—216

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song—19

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*  
- 2 Timothy 4:7-10 -

Song—289

The Lord’s Supper  
*George Cuvellier & Jim Miller*

Song—77

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
“The Disloyal Disciple”

Song—580

Announcements & Closing Prayer  
*Louis Bureau*

Lord’s Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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

## July 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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