



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Robbie Andrews (preacher in Lineville, AL) - being treated for retinal inflammation
- Michael Baldasaro (Wayne & Jan's son in law) underwent successful surgery last Thursday (9/21) to address cancer of tonsils; still under observation at Dartmouth Hospital in NH
- Louis Bureau - injured left shoulder at work & is gradually recovering from surgery
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Cleary's (Sampson's neighbors) - John is at stage 4 COPD and is receiving hospice care at home; his wife Cecelia is recovering from a broken wrist and sprained ankle
- Diane Cote - left leg amputated up to the knee as a result of diabetes; soon to be fitted with a prosthesis and undergo prosthetic rehab
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Linda Gloman - colon cancer was detected in a recent colonoscopy; 8/10 laparoscopic surgery successful; additional cancer found in only 1 lymph node; now undergoing chemotherapy
- Terry Kennedy - surgery scheduled for 10/19 to remove a cyst in her abdomen
- Jim Miller - home from MMC recovering from UTI, bloodstream infection, & elevated blood sugar levels; thank you for the prayers!
- Molly Urqhart (mother of Wayne & Jan's granddaughter, River)- her stage 4 esophageal cancer has spread to other areas; undergoing aggressive chemotherapy; prayers needed
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for those not with us today — the sick & suffering and those who are spiritually weak & struggling

The Spirit Who Dwells in Us Yearns Jealously

Imagine you are a parent who just found out that your children have been spending a lot of time at your next-door neighbor's house. And not only that, but they have been going there seeking the neighbor's advice on dealing with problems at school, dating, possible career paths and other important life choices. As a parent, how would this make you feel? Disappointed? Bewildered? Deeply hurt? You might say something like, "Wait a minute...you're *my* children! You should be turning to *me* when you need help! You should be coming to *me* to seek this advice and counsel!"

Sadly, there is more truth than fiction to this account when it comes to our relationship with God. Our loving Father has asked us to come to Him and seek His guidance when we need help. "Call upon *Me* in the day of trouble; *I* will deliver you, and you shall glorify *Me*" (Psalm 50:15). But much of the time, instead of trusting in the Lord with all our hearts (Prov 3:5), we lean on our *own* understanding and try to work things out ourselves. Sometimes, we go to the world for the answers and solutions we need instead of turning to the One who "has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him" (2 Pet 1:3). As a loving, caring Father, how do you think this makes our God feel?

"Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, 'The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously?' (Jas 4:5). A good definition of the word *jealous* is: "fiercely protective or vigilant of one's rights or possessions" (*Oxford Dictionary*). Our God has every right to be jealous of His children. First, He created us in His image, breathed into our nostrils the breath of life and made us living, eternal souls (Gen 1:26-27; 2:7). Second, to remedy our sin problem, God gave His only begotten Son to die in our place (Jn 3:16). "Our great God and Savior Jesus Christ gave Himself for us, that he might redeem us from every lawless deed (all iniquity), and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works" (Titus 2:13-14). God created us, and then at great cost, He redeemed us from the bondage of sin. No wonder the Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously!

"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price: therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor 6:19-20). One way that we can glorify our God has already been cited: "Call upon *Me* in the day of trouble; *I* will deliver you, and you shall glorify *Me*" (Psalm 50:15). Let's make it our practice to turn to the Almighty for the help we need and seek His counsel and guidance in every aspect of our lives (Ps 32:8; 119:105). "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths!" (Prov 3:6). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for OCTOBER

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Opening Prayer: George Cuvellier

Scripture Reading: Jim Miller

Lord's Supper:

Louis Bureau (lead) & Wayne Sampson

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

Lord's Supper Prep: Terry Kennedy

"By love serve one another."
- Galatians 5:13 -

☺ 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! ☺





Genesis Cuvellier — Sept 26th
Terry Kennedy — October 28th



Wayne & Jan — October 9th
Jason & Paula — October 25th



"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.."
- 2 Corinthians 13:14 -

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 12,479
This Month: 43,033



SNACKS!

Sept 24: Kathleen
October 1: Pat

Attendance & Contribution for September 17, 2023

Attendance — 16
Contribution — \$435

Order of Worship

September 24, 2023

"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come be His presence with singing."

📖 - Psalm 100:1-2 - 📖

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Song—17

Opening Prayer: Jim Miller

Song—545

Scripture Reading: Louis Bureau
- Exodus 20:1-6 -

Song—56

The Lord's Supper
Wayne Sampson & Jason Kennedy

Song—256

Sermon: Terry Schmidt
"Our God is a Jealous God"

Song—39

Announcements & Closing Prayer
George Cuvellier

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Lord's Supper Prep: Pat Miller

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

## September 24, 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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