



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Robbie Andrews (gospel preacher, Lineville, AL) - slowly recovering from Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever; also suffering with 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
- 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



"And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us: and if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him."

- 1 John 5:14-15 -

Blessings!



This life is hard and often filled with many problems, difficulties and challenges. During these trying times, we can easily become dismayed, disheartened and discouraged. But we always need to remember that, as Christians, we are a people who are truly blessed. *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ"* (Eph 1:3).

The word translated "blessings," and all its derivatives, is the Greek word *eulogeo*, from which we get our English word eulogy. This is a fascinating word, replete with meaning. It stems from a root-word meaning "to be well off; to fare well; to prosper." The word literally means "to invoke a benediction upon; to celebrate with praise." It also includes the idea of consecration, being favored by God and, as such, the recipients of concrete and bountiful benefits.

The **first area of blessing** that comes to mind are the necessities of life that our God graciously and continually provides. We can be assured that, with the Lord as our Shepherd, we shall never lack nor be in want of these necessities (Psalm 23). Yes, *"those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing"* (Ps 34:10). *"Therefore, do not worry saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink' or 'What shall we wear?' ... For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you"* (Mt 6:31-33). So, take comfort in the biblical truth that *"God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus"* (Phil 4:19).

A **second area of blessing** are the conveniences and luxuries that our loving Father allows us to enjoy in this life. *"Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits"* (Ps 68:19). If it's within the will of God, *"No good thing will he withhold from those who walk uprightly"* (Ps 84:11). And the Apostle Paul provides us with the assurance that

God *"gives us richly all things to enjoy"* (1 Tim 6:17). After all, *"He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"* (Rom 8:32). So, let us enthusiastically echo the words of the Psalmist who gratefully exclaims: *"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits!"* (Ps 103:2).

The third and most important area of blessing are all the spiritual blessings that are ours in Christ. Of course, the supreme blessing in this category is the redemption of our sins and our salvation in Christ. We are blessed in this way because *"God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth"* (1 Tim 2:3-4), *"made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him"* (2 Cor 5:21). Because of Christ's selfless sacrifice, our sin problem has been taken care of and we can now have complete and unhindered fellowship with our Creator. *"And truly, our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ"* (1 Jn 1:3).

Those in Christ are now seated in a place of honor with Christ. *"God ... raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus"* (Eph 2:6). Now, we are truly the children of God, *"and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together"* (Rom 8:17). And *"when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall you also appear with Him in glory"* (Col 3:4). This speaks of the *"hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before the world began"* (Titus 1:2). And this, of course, is the greatest blessing of all!

— Terry Schmidt ✍

😊 Welcome Visitors! 😊

We are glad you have come to worship with us and 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.

Thank you and have a great week!



Justin Kennedy — April 2nd
Kathleen Judkins — April 10th



Jim & Pat — April 28th

Pot Luck Fellowship

Next Sunday, April 9th — after services ☺

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 9,596
This Month: 557



SNACKS!

April 2: Cathy
April 9: Paula

Attendance & Contribution

for March 26, 2023

Attendance — 15
Contribution — \$545

Order of Worship

April 2, 2023

*"While I live, I will praise the LORD:
I will sing praises unto my God
while I have any being."*

📖 - Psalm 146:2 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—5

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—252

Scripture Reading: *Louis Bureau*
- Romans 8:14-18 -

Song—179

The Lord's Supper
Wayne Sampson & Jason Kennedy

Song—393

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"We Are Partakers of
Many Marvelous Blessings"

Song—261

Announcements & Closing Prayer
George Cuvellier

Lord's Supper Prep: *Pat Miller*

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

April 2, 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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