



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) successful surgery on 9/21 addressed cancer of the tonsils; now home healing/recovering
- Louis Bureau - injured left shoulder at work & is gradually recovering from surgery; is also experiencing significant back pain
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- 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; now undergoing chemotherapy
- Terry Kennedy - surgery is scheduled for this Thursday (10/19) at SMHC to remove a cyst in her abdomen; prayers needed & appreciated
- Molly Urghart (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 prayer of the upright is His delight . . . He hears the prayer of the righteous."

~ Proverbs 15:8, 29 ~

The Anatomy of a Fool



For years now, our beloved country has been steadily moving *from* a God-fearing, faith-based culture to a secular, godless society. A *secularist* is "one who theoretically rejects or ignores all forms of religious faith and worship established on the authority of revelation and accepts only the facts and influences which are derived from this present life" (*The Century Dictionary*). In other words, these folks are atheists. An *atheist* is defined as "one who denies the existence of God, or of a supreme intelligent being; a godless man; one who disregards his duty to God" (*The Century Dictionary*). And here we must also include the *agnostic*: "one who is skeptical about the existence of God but does not profess true atheism" (*The American Heritage Dictionary*).

Secular Humanism is, in essence, the *religion* of humanists and atheists. The *Humanist Manifesto II* written in 1973 gives us some insight as to their core beliefs:

"As in 1933, humanists still believe that traditional theism, especially faith in the prayer-hearing God, assumed to live and care for persons, to hear and understand their prayers, and to be able to do something about them, is an unproved and outmoded faith. Salvationism, based on mere affirmation, still appears as harmful, diverting people with false hopes of heaven hereafter. Reasonable minds look to other means for survival. ... We find insufficient evidence for belief in the existence of a supernatural. ... While there is much that we do not know, humans are responsible for what we are or will become. No deity will save us; we must save ourselves."

These presumably learned ones cannot find any sufficient evidence for belief in the existence of a supernatural God? Let the inspired word of God answer: "Because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse" (Rom

1:19-20).

Also, the humanists boldly proclaim, "Humans are responsible for what we will become. No deity will save us, we must save ourselves." Really? The inspired words of the prophet Jeremiah accurately and adequately address this flawed misconception: "O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jer 10:23). And again, "There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Pr 14:12, 16:25). The godless humanists arrogantly believe they have the viable answers which, in their view, an Almighty God does not provide. Let the Lord respond: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts" (Is 55:8-9).

The Bible clearly reveals and emphatically affirms that those who say there is no God are fools (Ps 14:1, 53:1). The fool refuses to acknowledge God as God, nor respect Him as the Creator. Instead, the fool relies on his *own* ideas, opinions, and judgments (Pr 14:14, Pr 18:2, Ecc 5:3). But again, the word of God affirms: "He who trusts in his *own* heart is a _____" [fill in the blank] (Pr 28:26).

There's just no escaping the sad fact that, when man chooses to reject God and exalt himself (in essence, making himself God), he becomes a fool. "Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened." And, the final analysis? "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools!" (Rom 1:21-22). — **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. Have a great week!

Thank you and have a great week!



Terry Kennedy — October 28th



Jason & Paula — October 25th

The word “fool” today usually means “a senseless one who is deficient in judgment, sense, and/or understanding; one who acts unwisely.” But the biblical definition includes “one who disregards God and His Word.” A fool is one whose wayward heart turns continually toward foolishness (Ecc 10:2). Fools don’t learn from their mistakes. They continue doing the same foolish things over and over, to their own destruction (Pr 26:11).

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 16,316

This Month: 34,668



SNACKS!

Oct 15: Terry K

Oct 22: Jan

Attendance & Contribution for October 8, 2023

Attendance — 21

Contribution — \$425

Order of Worship

October 15, 2023

“Therefore, by Him, let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.”

📖 - Hebrews 13:15 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—216

Opening Prayer: *George Cuvellier*

Song—157

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*

- 1 Samuel 25:2-11 -

Song—119

The Lord’s Supper

Louis Bureau (lead) & Wayne Sampson

Song—13

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

“Abigail’s Godly Example”

Song—336

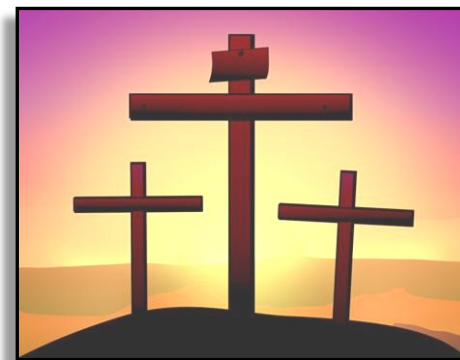
Announcements & Closing Prayer

Jason Kennedy

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

October 15, 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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