



## 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 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 - 10/19 surgery which removed a large cyst from her abdomen was successful; now home recovering; prayers appreciated
- Lewiston Shootings - Please pray for victim's families, friends & associates as they grieve the deaths of their loved ones, along with all Mainers & our nation as, together, we mourn this tragedy
- 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

*"Call upon Me in the day of trouble."* - Ps 50:15

## The Fruit of a Godless Society



Today's activist judges, socialist politicians, and the liberal media use the term "separation of church and state" as though it were in the Constitution. It is not. What is part of the Constitution is the first amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." It was the fear of an establishment of a state religion by the government and the threat that they might "prohibit the free exercise thereof" that President Thomas Jefferson was addressing when he used the phrase in a letter to the Baptist Association of Danbury, Connecticut.

The phrase was resurrected in 1947 by the Supreme Court in the case of *Everson v. Board of Education* where the court stated, "The First Amendment has erected a wall between church and state. That wall must be kept high and impregnable. We could not approve the slightest breach." We've been hearing this phrase used (or should I say misused) quite frequently ever since. And its meaning, as it is commonly employed today, is directly opposite of what Mr. Jefferson intended.

Since 1947, the consistent application of "separation of church and state" in Supreme Court decisions has brought about the gradual insidious erosion of America's Judeo-Christian foundation. During this time, the extensive deterioration of bedrock Biblical beliefs, which formed this country and made it strong and great, has resulted in damage so devastating, it now appears irreparable.

In 1962, in the case of *Engel v. Vitale*, the Supreme Court made the decision to prohibit prayer in schools. This was followed a year later in 1963 with the *Murray v. Curlett* lawsuit, where a landmark Supreme Court ruling ended official Bible reading in American public schools. Madalyn Murray O'Hair, along with other atheist activists, had essentially expelled God from our schools. And we've been feeling the negative effects ever since as our society moves further and further away from our Creator and His teachings.

The 1973 *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision legalized abortion in this country, a decision which was finally overturned almost 50 years later in 2022. And on June 26, 2015, in a 5-4 decision of *Obergefell v. Hodges*, five justices pronounced same-sex marriage as the law of the land—countermanding God's holy word, ignoring thousands of years of human history and completely redefining God's original design for marriage.

Both abortion and same-sex marriage have been packaged and sold as civil rights issues which have brought success to their supporters. But they are moral issues for the Christian, which places them in direct conflict with our deeply held sacred beliefs.

Psalm 33:12 wisely proclaims, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD." This was once true of us. But in today's sophisticated culture, God is deliberately banned from our society and believers are increasingly prohibited from openly acknowledging Him or their Christian faith. As in the days of the Judges, with no spiritual direction or moral guidance, everyone does that which is right in his own eyes (Judges 21:25). Such is the fruit of a godless society. But God always has the last word: "The wicked shall be turned into Hell, and all the nations that forget God (Psalm 9:17).

— 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



**Welcome Visitors!**





## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for NOVEMBER

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Opening Prayer: Jason Kennedy

Scripture Reading: George Cuvellier

Lord's Supper:

Jim Miller (lead) & Louis Bureau

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

Wayne Sampson

Lord's Supper Prep: Paula Kennedy



*"Do not be afraid of sudden terror, nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes; for the Lord will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being caught."* - Prov 3:25-26

## Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 15,383

This Month: 71,318



## SNACKS!

Oct 29: Betty

Nov 5: Cathy

## Attendance & Contribution

for October 22, 2023

Attendance — 16

Contribution — \$472

## Order of Worship

October 29, 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—407

Scripture Reading: Jim Miller

- Romans 1:28-32 -

Song—56

The Lord's Supper

Louis Bureau (lead) & Wayne Sampson

Song—473

Sermon: Terry Schmidt

"The Fruits of a Godless Society"

Song—437

Announcements & Closing Prayer

Jason Kennedy

Lord's Supper Prep: Betty Schmidt

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

October 29, 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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