



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Robbie Andrews (gospel preacher, Lineville, AL) - his health is much better now; many thanks for all the prayers said in his behalf
- 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
- Kathleen Judkins - numerous health concerns
- 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 -

The Resurrection



The concept of a bodily resurrection has been questioned and contested by many for thousands of years. The Sadducees, a religious sect who did not believe in the resurrection, challenged Jesus on this issue during His earthly ministry (Matt 22:23-32). The Apostle Paul, as he reasoned with the Stoic and Epicurean philosophers in Athens, was openly ridiculed when he taught about Jesus and the resurrection from the dead (Acts 17:16-32).

But the teaching of a bodily resurrection is fully supported and boldly proclaimed in Scripture. The resurrection of Jesus was foretold by the prophets (Acts 13:32-35). Jesus himself spoke of His own resurrection as an undeniable certainty (Matt 20:17-19; 16:21; Jn 2:19-22). And the Apostles, along with many others, witnessed and confirmed the resurrection of Jesus (Acts 2:23-24; 32; 1 Cor 15:4-8). This critical evidence establishes the resurrection as an integral element of the gospel message and an essential doctrine of the Christian faith.

"Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Cor 15:1-4).

The resurrection is important because it proves Christ's deity—He was God in the flesh (Matt 1:22-23; Jn 1:1-4, 10, 14). Through His resurrection, Jesus conquered death and gained the victory over Satan (Heb 2:14-15). And, when we obey the gospel, we share in this victory through baptism where we figuratively participate in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. Belief in Christ's resurrection is crucial because it secures our redemption and insures our resurrection.

"Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His

death? Therefore, we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection" (Rom 6:3-5).

Ultimately, the resurrection of Jesus provides the basis for the Christian's faith and salvation. If Jesus had not been raised from the dead, the Christian would have no hope. *"For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!" (1 Cor 15:16-17). "But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive" (1 Cor 15:20-22).* This is the promise and power of the resurrection. This is the gospel. And this is our hope!

— 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

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😊 **Welcome Visitors!** 😊

We are glad to have you as our honored guests!



Kathleen Judkins — April 10th



Jim & Pat — April 28th

WE WILL ENJOY OUR POT LUCK
FELLOWSHIP MEAL NEXT SUNDAY,
APRIL 16TH AFTER SERVICES,
FOLLOWED BY THE MEN'S BUSINESS
MEETING AND A LADIES' MEETING.

Visits to Our
Web Page

Last Week: 8,398

This Month: 9,117



SNACKS!

April 9: Paula

April 16: Pat

Attendance & Contribution

for April 2, 2023

Attendance — 15

Contribution — \$210

Order of Worship

April 9, 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—154

Opening Prayer: Jim Miller

Song—278

Scripture Reading: Louis Bureau
- Luke 23:50—24:7 -

Song—313

The Lord's Supper
Wayne Sampson & Jason Kennedy

Song—155

Sermon: Terry Schmidt

"The Resurrection of Jesus Christ:
Fact or Fiction?"

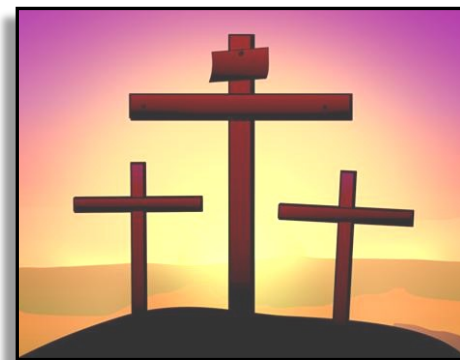
Song—666

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 9, 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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