



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- 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
- Michael Hatcher (preacher for the Bellview church in Pensacola, FL) - having surgery this month to remove a growth on one of his kidneys; please pray for his wife Karen also
- 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."

Societies Foundations Are Crumbling



Most would agree that the biblical foundations upon which this nation was built are quickly and consistently crumbling. A moral collapse is eating away at the supporting pillars of our society like a cancer. Secular forces are intent on systematically destroying any remnant of our Judeo-Christian heritage. America's history is being rigorously rewritten and our noble heritage is being deliberately dismantled. The effects of this progressive moral disintegration are dangerous and destructive. When a society recklessly redefines its moral standards and willingly abandons its ethical guidelines, it forfeits the ability to accurately discern what is right and what is wrong (Isaiah 5:20). Respect for life & the rights of others, proper manners & social courtesies, along with common decency, fall by the wayside. All the while disorder, chaos, evil and lawlessness reign.

During the 1950's and 60's, the **Code of Practices for Television Broadcasters** set forth ethical standards adopted by the **National Association of Broadcasters** for television in 1951. As a child, I remember seeing the "Seal of Good Practice," displayed often during programming. This code prohibited the use of profanity, the negative portrayal of family life, irreverence for God and religion, illicit sex, drunkenness and addiction, presentation of cruelty, detailed techniques of crime, the use of horror for its own sake, and the negative portrayal of law enforcement officials, among others. The code also regulated how performers should dress and move to be within the "bounds of decency." Further, news reporting was to be "factual, fair and without bias" and commentary and analysis should be "clearly defined as such." Sadly, the radical anti-establishment movement of the 1960's, along with deteriorating ethics and morals in our society, brought about the complete suspension of the code in 1983. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Code_of_Practices_for_Television_Broadcasters

A similar **Motion Picture Production Code** containing a set of moral guidelines was in place from

1930 to 1968. The production code spelled out what was acceptable and what was unacceptable content for motion pictures produced for a public audience in the United States during those years. Things that were not to appear in motion pictures included vulgarity, profanity & taking the Lord's name in vain; licentious or suggestive nudity; any inference of sex perversion; ridicule of the clergy; and willful offense to any nation, race or creed. Good taste was to be emphasized concerning the use of the American flag; firearms; cruelty and brutality; murder; theft and robbery; romance and sex; and marriage and family.

In those days, the good guys ultimately won and the bad guys always lost. The message was clear: "Crime does not pay!" That is until 1968. In *The Thomas Crowne Affair*, which starred Steve McQueen and Faye Dunaway, Crowne is responsible for robbing millions from two Boston banks. Near the end of the movie, the audience anticipates his inevitable capture and arrest. Imagine their surprise when they see McQueen board a jet and fly off into the sunset! He got away with it! Crime *did* pay! The bad guys won! And sadly, the bad guys have been winning more and more ever since.

However, their days are numbered. Their pervasive ungodly influence and evil domination of society will come to an abrupt end. *"But the Lord ... has prepared His throne for judgment"* (Psalm 9:7). *"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God"* (Psalm 9:17). *"Therefore, the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous"* (Psalm 1:5). But, because of God's longsuffering patience they still have a chance (see 2 Pet 3:9, 15). *"Christ Jesus gave Himself as a ransom for all"* and God our Savior *"desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth"* (1 Tim 2:3-6). — **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!



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for MAY

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Opening Prayer: George Cuvellier

Scripture Reading: Jim Miller

Lord's Supper:

Louis Bureau & Wayne Sampson

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

Lord's Supper Prep: Terry Kennedy

Happy Birthday!

Paula Kennedy — May 3rd

Jim Miller — May 9th

Louis Bureau — May 14th

Betty Schmidt — May 16th

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 9,991

This Month: 38,058



SNACKS!

April 30: Terry K

May 7: Jan

Attendance & Contribution for April 23, 2023

Attendance — 17

Contribution — \$560

Order of Worship

April 30, 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—59

Opening Prayer: Jim Miller

Song—55

Scripture Reading: Louis Bureau
- Psalm 37:1-8 -

Song—56

The Lord's Supper
Wayne Sampson & Jason Kennedy

Song—561

Sermon: Terry Schmidt
"God's View of the Godly & Ungodly"

Song—39

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 30, 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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