



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"
- James 5:16 -

- Robbie Andrews (gospel preacher, Lineville, AL) - 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
- Betty Schmidt - fell at work and broke her left arm; healing & doing well w/ physical therapy
- 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



"Spiritual labor is tiring work, and men are loath to do it. Praying, true praying, costs an outlay of serious attention and of time, which flesh and blood does not relish. Our praying needs to be pressed and pursued with an energy that never tires, a persistency which will not be denied, and a courage that never fails." — E. M. Bounds

Let Your Light Shine (even during winter)



Some people love it! And others (like me)...not so much! But whether you love it or intensely dislike it, the fact remains that we can't really do anything about the foul winter weather or how much snow we receive. What we *can* do is decide whether we are going to gripe and complain about it (and most likely be miserable in the process), or make the best of it and rest content that the weather will eventually get better. The latter option will make things more pleasant for those around us, and will be better for us as well.

Abraham Lincoln is credited with saying: "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." There is a lot of truth and wisdom in this saying. The inspired Apostle Paul affirmed: "I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased [brought low; humbled; humiliated], and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things, I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need" (Phil 4:11-12). This is a powerful statement. It reveals that there is a sense in which you and I are the custodians of our contentment. So, what can those of us who struggle in this area do?

Before verbally expressing anything, we should go to God in prayer (Ps 141:3). Bringing our concerns to God and casting our burdens upon Him will keep us from worry and improve our attitude (Ps 55:22; Phil 4:6-7; 1 Pet 5:7). We can examine our "self talk" to see if it is in harmony with the truth of Scripture (Ps 42:5 & 11). If your inner self-talk typically tends to be negative, harsh, critical, and discouraging, ask God to help you bring about changes that will make it more positive, gentle, supportive and encouraging.

Finally, we can claim the truth found in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Embracing this truth will enable us to obey the command found in Philippians 2:14: "Do all things without murmuring [complaining] or disputing [arguing]." The result? In the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, we will shine as

lights in the world! (Phil 2:15). So, let your light shine (Mt 5:16) — even during the harsh winter weather! — **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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Points to Ponder

"If the Christian does not allow prayer to drive sin out of his life, sin will drive prayer out of his life. Like light and darkness, the two cannot dwell together." - M.E. Andross

☺ Welcome Visitors ☺

We are glad you have come to worship with us today. 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! ☺





We will enjoy our pot luck meal today after services. We hope you will stay for this special time of food, fun and fellowship! ☺

"...food which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth." — 1 Timothy 4:3

When you get knocked down by circumstances of life, the best way to get back on your feet . . . is to get down on your knees.



Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 16,681
This Month: 26,531

SNACKS!

March 12: Paula
March 19: Jan

Attendance & Contribution for March 5, 2023

Attendance — 18
Contribution — \$727

Order of Worship

March 12, 2023

"What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also."

📖 - 1 Corinthians 14:15 - 📖

Song—40

Opening Prayer

Song—545

Scripture Reading

- Psalm 139:13-18 -

Song—4

The Lord's Supper

Song—157

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Three Truths About Snow"

Song—599

Announcements & Closing Prayer

Lord's Supper Prep: *Paula Kennedy*

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

March 12, 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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