



## 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
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Cleary's (Sampson's neighbors) - John is at stage 4 COPD and is receiving hospice care at home; his wife Cecelia is recovering from a broken wrist and sprained ankle
- 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 scheduled for 10/19 to remove a cyst in her abdomen
- Jim Miller - home from MMC recovering from UTI, bloodstream infection, & elevated blood sugar levels, which are now stabilized
- 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

*"Pray without ceasing."* — 1 Thess 5:17

## Righteousness



In Acts 24:24-25, when the Apostle Paul had occasion to speak with Felix (the Roman governor of Judea), one of the important topics he spoke about was *righteousness*. All righteousness originates as a divine attribute of God and is equated with holiness. It is the direct *opposite* of evil, rebellion, disobedience, and sin. This word literally means "equity of character." It represents a behavior that is morally right, characterized by a high standard (God's standard) of morality, justice, honesty, virtue, and decency. It refers to one who conscientiously observes divine laws, faithfully keeping the commands of God. After all, part of the reason God gave us His word was "for instruction in righteousness" (2 Tim 3:16).

Righteousness speaks of one whose life is morally upright, honorable and virtuous — one whose life conforms to the will of God, and is therefore acceptable to God. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled" (Mt 5:6). This has reference to one who earnestly desires to be in harmony with God's will and His word. It is an attribute or virtue that includes and involves one's character, conscience and conduct. It is right *thinking*, right *speaking*, and right *doing*. As the word of God clearly teaches, "Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous" (1 Jn 3:7). And "if you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him" (1 Jn 2:29).

Although as Christians, you and I are to "pursue righteousness" (1 Tim 6:11), and "seek first His kingdom and His righteousness" (Mt 6:33), we must understand that it is *only* through the atoning work of Jesus Christ that we can be truly righteous. "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness" (Rom 10:4). He "Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree [cross], that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness" (1 Pet 2:24). Having been redeemed "with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Pet 1:19), we now share in "the righteousness of God which is through faith in Jesus Christ to all and on all who believe" (Rom 3:22).

Since true righteousness is found only in Christ, we want to be "found in Him, not having [our] own righteousness ... but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith" (Phil 3:9). "For He made Him, who knew no sin, to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor 5:21). As God's beloved children, saved by His benevolent grace (1 Cor 15:10; Eph 2:8; Titus 3:5), may we always desire to be "filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God!" (Phil 1:11).

— 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



*"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

Jesus — John 14:6

☺ **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! ☺*





Terry Kennedy — October 28th



Wayne & Jan — October 9th  
Jason & Paula — October 25th



We will enjoy our potluck meal next Sunday after services. ☺  
We hope you will plan to stay for this special time of food, fun & fellowship!

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 13,130  
Last Month: 56,163



**SNACKS!**

October 1: Pat  
October 8: Paula

**Attendance & Contribution**  
for September 24, 2023

Attendance — 12  
Contribution — \$445

## Order of Worship

October 1, 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—59

Opening Prayer: *George Cuvellier*

Song—192

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*  
- Acts 24:24-25 -

Song—179

The Lord's Supper  
*Louis Bureau (lead) & Wayne Sampson*

Song—185

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"A Convenient Time"

Song—647

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 1, 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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