



Prayer Requests:

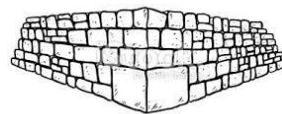
"Pray for one another"

- 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 - taken to SMHC on Friday due to having a severe diabetic seizure; now being evaluated & treated; currently in room 319
- 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

The Foundation



The most important part of a building is the foundation. Without a solid and firm foundation to provide support, the structure would prove to be weak and unstable through time. The most important part of a foundation is the cornerstone (or setting stone). This stone is important because, as the first stone used in the construction of a foundation, all other stones are set in line with this stone. Thus, the angle, plumb and setting of the whole structure emanates from that one cornerstone.

In the spiritual realm, Jesus is the foundation and cornerstone of the church. As the Scripture says: "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor 3:11). You are "fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone" (Eph 2:20). The chief or head cornerstone is fundamental and essential in the construction. It is placed between two adjoining walls in order to hold them together and keep the building from falling apart (see 1 Pet 2:4-7).

One of the reasons Jesus came to this earth was to build His church. After Peter had rightly confessed that Jesus was the Christ (Messiah, anointed one, deliverer), Jesus responded: "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock (the solid confession that Jesus is the Christ), I will build My church...." (Mt 16:18). What is not apparent in the English translation is the play on words in the Greek.

Peter is *petros*, a stone (see Jn 1:42 in the KJV & NKJV). This has reference to a piece of detached stone that one could easily pick up and throw. Rock is *petra*, meaning a mass of rock, rock ledge, or bedrock. This is the basis for a strong, solid and enduring foundation. And this is the Rock upon which the church of Christ is built.

For this reason, Jesus encourages you & me to build on the Rock. "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken Him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and

the rain descended and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock" (Mt 7:24-25). Now which Greek word do you suppose the Lord used here: *petros* or *petra*? When we embrace and obey the Lord's teachings we are in effect building our spiritual house on the bedrock of Jesus Christ, a foundation that is solid, strong and enduring.

The alternative is to build on the sand. This results in flimsy construction, permanent instability, and a tragic result. "Now everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall!" (Mt 7:26-27).

— 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** ☺

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 today
after services. ☺
We hope you will plan to
stay for this special time
of food, fun & fellowship!

Visits to Our
Web Page

Last Week: 18,352
This Month: 18,352



SNACKS!

Oct 8: Paula
Oct 15: Terry K

Attendance & Contribution
for October 1, 2023

Attendance — 19
Contribution — \$495

Order of Worship

October 8, 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—227

Opening Prayer: *George Cuvellier*

Song—222

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*
- Ephesians 2:19-22 -

Song—208

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

Song—209

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"What is the Church of Christ?"

Song—197

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Jason Kennedy

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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

**October 8, 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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