



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Michael Baldasaro (Wayne & Jan's son in law) successful surgery on 9/21 addressed cancer of the tonsils; has completed chemo-therapy treatments and will continue to be monitored; grateful for continued prayers for the family ☺
- Louis Bureau - facing yet another surgery on his left shoulder in order to repair a damaged tendon, obviously missed in previous surgery; also requests prayers for his family
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Diane Cote - left leg amputated up to the knee as a result of diabetes; now using a temporary prosthesis and undergoing prosthetic rehab
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Donna Doucette - requests prayers for various health concerns
- Molly Urghart (mother of Wayne & Jan's granddaughter, River)- after a prolonged struggle with stage 4 esophageal cancer, Molly passed away last Thursday, Feb 22nd. Please keep Wayne & Jan, Lee & River, and the rest of the family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their loved one.
- 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

"The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers."

~ 1 Peter 3:12 ~

Soothing Shade? or Destructive Darkness?



About 20 years ago, the trees beside our house had to be cut down. Initially, they had provided welcomed beauty and enjoyable shade from the hot sun. But through the years, they had become unsightly and overgrown. Their ever-spreading foliage had for years effectively blocked the rays of the sun. But the darkness of their permanent shade prevented the grass from growing and even caused mold to form on the side of our house which made the wood siding rot. Had we not gotten rid of those trees, the damage to the yard and house would have continued to worsen.

Sin is a lot like those trees. At first, sin is often welcomed and enjoyable. But, through time, sin's ever-spreading influence begins to dominate our lives and it becomes ugly. "His own iniquities entrap the wicked man, and he is caught in the cords of his sin" (Pr 5:22). Unresolved sin drives a wedge in the relationship that God wants to have with us and that we so desperately need to have with Him. "Your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear" (Is 59:2).

Eventually, the permeating darkness of sin will inhibit any measure of spiritual growth and the inner man begins to mold, decay, and eventually rot. At that point, they "walk in the futility of their mind [perverseness; moral depravity; devoid of truth], having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their heart [see Hebrews 3:12-14]; who, being past feeling [calloused; apathetic], have given themselves over to licentiousness [unbridled lust; unrestrained indulgence], to work all uncleanness [moral impurity] with greediness [avarice; covetousness]" (Eph 4:17-19). Not a pretty picture.

Just like getting rid of those trees prevented further damage to our house and yard, getting rid of unresolved sin will keep us from moral rot and spiritual decay. Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. He

who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (Jn 8:12). As we walk with God in faithful obedience, beholding the glory of the Lord, we will be "transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Cor 3:16-18). When we consistently turn to God, the healing, life-giving light will shine through from the Son...and transform our lives into His likeness! (Romans 8:29; 12:1-2). — **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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"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

- Acts 4:12 -

☺ 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! ☺



Our Deepest Sympathy

Our sincerest condolences are extended to Wayne & Jan and family as they mourn the death of Molly Urghart, who passed away on Thursday, February 22nd.

May God's steadfast presence and tender compassion provide strength & comfort to these dear ones during this difficult time of grief and loss. †



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

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 4,969
This Month: 786



SNACKS!

March 3: Pat
March 10: Paula

Attendance & Contribution for February 25, 2024

Attendance — 19
Contribution — \$820

Order of Worship

March 3, 2024

“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 - 📖

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Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—43

Opening Prayer: *George Cuvellier*

Song—262

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*  
~ Matthew 5:14-16 ~

Song—300

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

Song—563

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
“Ye Are the Light of the World”

Song—527

Announcements & Closing Prayer  
*Jason Kennedy*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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

March 3, 2024

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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