



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- 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
- Glenda Castleberry - recently diagnosed with liver cancer; stage & treatment not yet known
- 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 - do to severe arthritis, she will be needing replacement surgery in both knees
- Kate Ivory (niece of Robbie Andrews) - Please pray for her spiritual welfare as she studies God's word with our brother Robbie
- Terry Kennedy - being scheduled on May 9th for a much needed hip replacement surgery
- 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



[Thus saith the Lord]: "Gather My saints together unto Me; And call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me." 📖

- Psalm 50:5 & 15 -

It's All Good



Back in the nineties, I had a friend who had two sayings that he would repeat often. The first was, "It is what it is." That seems rather obvious and is kind of self-explanatory. The second saying was, "It's all good!" It is with this sentiment that I took issue. It's all good? No! Not everything is good! Some things are bad. Really bad! As the Scripture says, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil!" (Is 5:20). Also, we know that "the whole world lieth in wickedness" (1 Jn 5:19). And, we are not to be "overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good" (Rom 12:21). But, while all things are not good, God's word affirms and assures us that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose" (Rom 8:28).

For example, the tragic things that happened to God's faithful servant Job (Job 1-2), could by no means be considered good. God held Job up before Satan as one who was "a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil" (1:8). Satan insinuated that Job obeyed God only because of what He gave him and did for him. So, God allowed Satan to test Job who, in just one day, tragically lost his possessions, his servants, and even his sons & daughters. In the second round of severe testing, Satan "struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head" (2:7). Through all these disastrous calamities, "Job did not sin with his lips" (2:10), nor "charge God with wrong" (1:22). And when Job eventually persevered through his trial, "the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning" (Job 42:12), and "gave Job twice as much as he had before" (v. 10).

We could also cite God's faithful servant Joseph who was so hated by his jealous brothers that they wanted to kill him, but ended up selling him into slavery instead. Serving as a slave in Potiphar's house, Joseph was falsely accused by his master's wife and thrown into prison. But God was with him! Through the Providence of Almighty God, Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's troubling dreams about a coming seven-year famine and was then

made ruler over all Egypt, second only to Pharaoh in power (Gen 37; 39-45). As he assures his frightened brothers of his forgiveness towards them, Joseph sums it all up this way: "Fear not: for am I in the place of God? But as for you, you thought evil against me; but God meant it for good" (Gen 50:19-20).

And what about you & me? We who have been called by the gospel (2Thess 2:14). We who "love God and are the called according to His purpose" (Rom 8:28). What "good" is the Lord God working out in our lives? The wonderful answer can be found in the next verse. "For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate *to be confirmed to the image of His Son*" (v. 29). This is the greatest good and highest privilege of all! To be confirmed to the image of Jesus Christ our Lord! No greater good could ever be realized. As Jesus himself affirms: "It is enough for the disciple that he be as his Master, and the servant as his Lord" (Mt 10:25). "Which is Christ in you, the hope of glory!" (Col 1:27). Amen!

—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 to have you as our honored guests!



Happy Birthday!

Kathleen Judkins - April 10th



Happy Anniversary!

Jim & Pat — April 28th



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: 5,141

This Month: 27,443



SNACKS!

April 7: Cathy

April 14: Paula

Attendance & Contribution

for March 31, 2024

Attendance — 24

Contribution — \$2,045

Order of Worship

April 7, 2024

*“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—17

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song—256

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier*
~ Romans 8:35-37 ~

Song—301

The Lord’s Supper
Jim Miller (lead) & Louis Bureau

Song—276

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
*“Who Shall Separate Us from
the Love of Christ?”*

Song—261

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Wayne Sampson

Lord’s Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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

April 7, 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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