



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Louis Bureau - underwent surgery on 4/9 to repair a damaged tendon on his left shoulder missed in a 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
- Derecho Family - grieving the loss of their loved one, Reyderick, who passed away recently
- 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 - scheduled for much needed hip replacement surgery on May 16th
- Bob Kenneth (friend of Terry & Betty) - slowly recovering from a severe back injury
- Henry Terrill - undergoing radiation treatments for prostate cancer (localized in the prostate)
- 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

Sacrificial Giving



Few of us would argue that our society influences our thinking far more than we would care to admit. Take the subject of giving, for example. Most of us are willing to give if what we are giving is coming from our surplus. In other words, we won't miss it. The rich mentioned in Luke 21:1-4 fall into this category. Jesus seems to be saying that their gifts weren't worth much because they were giving out of their abundance.

On the other hand, the poor widow's gift was a real sacrifice. She gave all that she had and was commended by the Lord for it. We are ready to give if what we are giving is of no use to us or hasn't cost us anything. Like the recycled Christmas gifts and birthday presents we didn't want or need in the first place. This is what God's people were condemned for in Malachi 1:6-14. They were offering to God blemished sacrifices—crippled and diseased animals that were of no use to them anyway.

But David in 2 Samuel 24:24 shows us the proper attitude. When Araunah the Jebusite graciously proposed to give King David his threshing floor so that David could erect an altar there, and also give David the oxen to offer as sacrifice, David responded: *"No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing. So, David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver."*

In doing this, David shows that he understood an important and valuable principle. For our giving to mean something and be acceptable to God, it needs to include an element of personal sacrifice. This is why the Lord commended the poor widow who was able to put into the treasury only two mites. *"Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; for all these [the rich] out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had"* (Luke 21:3-4).

We are typically willing to give if we feel that we will be getting something back in return. This is the "What's in it for me?" approach. I'll give so

long as I can be assured that I'll get some kind of return on my investment. But Jesus says in Luke 6:34-35, *"If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil."*

Perhaps most of us could use an "attitude adjustment" in the area of giving. We need to learn how to give sacrificially. To give even when it's inconvenient and even painful for us. And giving is not just about money. It's about the giving of our time, talents, energy, and material goods as well. It's about becoming more like our Lord Jesus Christ who set for us the perfect example of sacrificial giving. He gave the ultimate sacrifice. He gave His life for sinners like you and me (John 3:16; Romans 5:6-8; Ephesians 5:2; 1 Timothy 2:3-6; 1 John 2:2). —**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

☺ **Welcome Visitors!** ☺

We are glad you have come to worship with us and 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!



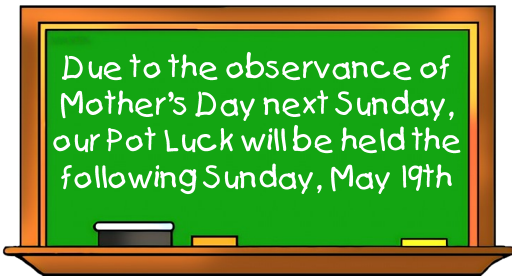
Happy Birthday!

Paula Kennedy - May 3rd
Jim Miller - May 9th
Louis Bureau - May 14th
Betty Schmidt - May 16th



Happy Anniversary!

George & Cathy — May 31st



Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 1,084
This Month: 1,355



SNACKS!

May 5: Kathleen
May 12: Pat

Attendance & Contribution
for April 28, 2024
Attendance — 22
Contribution — \$945

Order of Worship

May 5, 2024

“Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory!”

📖 - Revelation 19:6-7 - 📖

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Song—256

Opening Prayer: Jim Miller

Song—652

Scripture Reading: Jason Kennedy
~ 1 Thessalonians 2:4-12 ~

Song—287

The Lord’s Supper
George Cuvellier (lead) & Mike Doucette

Song—656

Sermon: Terry Schmidt
“How Are We to Treat Others?”

Song—112

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Louis Bureau

Alternate: Wayne Sampson

Lord’s Supper Prep: Pat Miller

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

May 5, 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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