



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; 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 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
- Kate Ivory (niece of Robbie Andrews) - Please pray for her spiritual welfare as she studies God's word with our brother Robbie
- Terry Kennedy - hip replacement surgery on 5/16 was successful; now home recuperating
- Bob Kenneth (friend of Terry & Betty) - slowly recovering from a severe back injury
- Richard Miles (Kathleen's nephew) - undergoing chemo & radiation to combat a rare sarcoma
- Alivia Schmidt (Terry & Betty's granddaughter) - suffering with Crohn's Disease at 15 years old
- Brad Shaw - suffered a heart attack on 5/21; had a procedure on 5/24 to remove blockages
- Henry Terrill - undergoing radiation treatments for prostate cancer (localized in the prostate)
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today — the sick & suffering and those who are spiritually weak & struggling



"I have called upon Thee, for Thou wilt hear me, O God: incline Thine ear unto me and hear my speech."

(Psalm 17:6)

How to Win the Battle Within



There is no denying that the children of God are engaged in a constant spiritual battle. The Apostle Paul spoke of this struggle in Romans 7:22-23, "For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members." This battle is real. It is between "the flesh" and "the Spirit" (Gal 5:16-17). And this war is fought in the battlefield of the mind. So, it is the mind which must be prepared, equipped, and fortified for spiritual battle.

The first thing we need to do is realize that our strength to overcome temptation and sin comes, not from our feeble human resources, but from Almighty God. We are to "be strong in the Lord and the power of His might" (Eph 6:10). And His inexhaustible strength breeds a steadfast confidence. Because, "the Lord shall be your confidence" (Pro 3:26). Yes, "in the fear of the Lord is strong confidence, and His children shall have a place of refuge" (Pro 14:26).

Next, we must understand that victory is achieved through our faith in God. "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith" (1 Jn 5:4). Our faith is established and nourished through the word of God. "So then, faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom 10:17). The word is an essential and integral part of our faith. This is important, because it is our faith that moves us to trust in the Lord with all our hearts and lean not unto our own understanding (Pro 3:5).

We must be always aware that we are engaged in a spiritual struggle, remain alert, and never let our guard down. "Be sober [of sound mind & controlled], be vigilant [remain alert & watchful]; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour [he seeks your spiritual ruin & eternity in Hell]" (1 Pet 5:8). Therefore, "watch and pray, lest you enter

into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Mt 26:41).

Finally, "resist the devil and he will flee from you" (Jas 4:7). Too much of the time when confronted with temptation, we offer little resistance—if any. Perhaps the reason for this is that we have not done the first thing mentioned in this important verse: "submit to God." In order to win this battle, we *must* have God's help. And to secure God's help, we *must* humble ourselves before Him, submit to His will, and strive to faithfully obey His commands. Therefore, "resist him [the devil], steadfast in the faith" (1 Pet 5:9).

When called to face the enemy of our souls in battle, we may feel weak and inadequate. But we need to remember the encouraging words of Paul: "When I am weak, then I am strong." This is because the Lord has just said to Paul: "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor 12:7-10). Understanding this truth, we can confidently proclaim with the Psalmist: "My flesh and my heart may fail; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever!" (Psalm 73:26). —**Terry Schmidt** ✍



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for JUNE

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Opening Prayer: Wayne Sampson

Scripture Reading: Jim Miller

Lord's Supper:

Jason Kennedy (lead) & Mike Doucette

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Cuvelier

Alternate: Louis Bureau

Lord's Supper Prep: Paula Kennedy

😊 Welcome Visitors! 😊

We are glad to have you as our honored guests!



George Cuvellier - June 5th

Jan Sampson - June 11th

Georine Cuvellier - June 25th



George & Cathy — May 31st

"You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." - 1 John 4:4

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 4,033

This Month: 12,990



SNACKS!

May 26: Jan

June 2: Betty

Attendance & Contribution

for May 19, 2024

Attendance — 23

Contribution — \$476

Order of Worship

May 26, 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—231

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—52

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*
~ Galatians 5:16-18 ~

Song—28

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

Song—252

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"The Battle Within"

Song—229

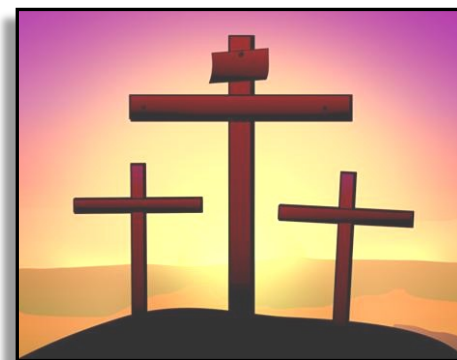
Announcements & Closing Prayer
Louis Bureau

Alternate: *Wayne Sampson*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Pat Miller*

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

## May 26, 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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