



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Rodelio Baagin - working with congregations of the Lord's church in the Philippines
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Diane Cote - severe infection necessitated the amputation of her right leg above the knee; previously, her left leg was amputated to the knee; now a resident at Gosnell Hospice House
- Leslie Denbow - left knee needs replacement surgery; experiencing nerve pain in right foot
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Retha Flack (Terry & Betty's Christian friend) - 2 blockages in heart; currently undergoing tests
- Richard Miles (Kathleen's nephew) - undergoing chemo & radiation to combat a rare sarcoma
- Wayne Sampson - femoral bypass surgery on 11/18 to bypass an 8-inch blockage in his right leg was successful, but the incision did not heal properly; he is now undergoing an aggressive wound care & antibiotic regimen to eradicate infection and promote healing
- Henry Terrill - radiation treatments for prostate cancer complete; a follow-up visit revealed no more treatments are needed; prayers answered
- Karolyn Terrill - strength for daily routines and keeping her cooperative spirit with staff
- Hurricane Victims - prayers for those affected by the devastation brought on by these storms; many have lost everything, including loved ones
- 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

"Pray without ceasing." — 1 Thess 5:17

New Year's Resolutions



Many at this time of year are inclined to make "New Year's Resolutions." Simply and generally defined, a resolution is "a formal expression of determination, will or intent; a resolve to change; a fixed and firm decision" (*Merriam-Webster*). This is a good thing. And those who follow through with these resolutions and achieve their goals will no doubt benefit in many ways.

The beginning of a new year, with its calendar of blank pages waiting to be filled, is a fitting time to do this type of self-examination, make needed changes, and set reasonable goals for improvement and growth. This is especially true in the spiritual realm. We are to "as newborn babes, desire the sincere (pure) milk of the word, that [we] may **grow** thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). And, as time goes by, we are expected to "**grow** in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:16).

So, making resolutions to progress in spiritual growth and gain Christian maturity would be a very profitable exercise as we "build [ourselves] up on our most holy faith" (Jude 20), and "give diligence to make [our] calling and election sure" (2 Peter 1:10). With this noble goal in mind, here are some scriptural resolutions that are worthy of our most earnest pursuance, acceptance and implementation. **Resolve:**

- *As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.* — Joshua 24:15
- *Seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness.* — Matthew 6:33
- *Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* — Mark 12:30
- *Love your neighbor as yourself.* — Mark 12:31
- *Just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.* — Luke 6:31
- *Let no iniquity have dominion over me.* — Psalm 119:133; Romans 6:12
- *Study to show thyself approved unto God.* — 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 2:2; Matthew 4:4
- *Continue earnestly in prayer.* — Colossians 4:2;

1 Thessalonians 5:17

- *Worship God in spirit and in truth.* — John 4:24; Hebrews 10:25
- *Consider one another in order to stir up love and good works.* — Hebrews 10:24
- *Be faithful unto death.* — Revelation 2:7 & 10

As we thoughtfully consider the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in 2025, "may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen!" (Hebrews 13:20-21).

— 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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😊 **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!





WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for JANUARY

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Opening Prayer: Jason Kennedy

Scripture Reading: George Cuvellier

Lord's Supper:

Louis Bureau (lead) & Mike Doucette

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

Jim Miller

Alternates: David Larrabee /

Wayne Sampson

Lord's Supper Prep: Terry Kennedy

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." — 2 Corinthians 5:17

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 9,289

This Month: 23,208



SNACKS!

Dec 29: Pat

Jan 5: Terry K

Attendance & Contribution

for December 22, 2024

Attendance — 15

Contribution — \$574

Order of Worship

December 29, 2024

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

📖 - Colossians 3:16 - 📖

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Song—17

Opening Prayer: George Cuvellier

Song—63

Scripture Reading: Louis Bureau

~ Ephesians 4:20-24 ~

Song—99

The Lord's Supper

Jim Miller (lead) & David Larrabee

Song—68

Sermon: Terry Schmidt

"A Time for Spiritual Renewal"

Song—590

Announcements & Closing Prayer

Jason Kennedy

Alternates: Mike Doucette/

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

December 29, 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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