



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
- Bob Kenneth (friend of Terry & Betty) - recently placed in hospice care & given a short time to live. Please pray for the family as they endure this difficult and stressful time.
- 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)

Fatherhood



In 1997, I took a bus load of 4th grade students to Norland Farms in Livermore, Maine. This was a "living museum" which took visitors back to 1870 America. The first thing the staff did was separate the boys and the girls, giving each a name tag of a family member who had lived and worked on the farm at some point during the past 125 years. The girls were to help prepare the noon meal, while the boys would do farm chores. This would teach the children what it was like to live in rural 1870 America. Before the noon meal was served, each person was required to wash their hands in a basin of water using homemade soap. But no one washed up until the father first washed his hands and entered the dining room. At the noon meal, everyone was seated around a huge rectangular table, with the father seated at the head of the table.

From the beginning, it was clear that the father was the authority figure in the room. Each course of the meal, served by the "women-folk," was given to the father first, who would take his serving and then pass it on. This was done out of respect for the father. When everyone had been served, no one took a bite until the father had given thanks for the food and taken his first bite. This was also done to show respect for the father—the authority in the family. As the meal progressed, it was the father who began and conducted all conversation during the meal. This was an accurate representation of family life in 1870 America. My, how much we've lost over the years!

It was God, our Creator, who instituted the family and established fatherhood. He gave to fathers the responsibility, not only of providing *materially* for their family (Gen 3:17-19; 1 Tim 5:8), but of providing *spiritual* leadership in the home as well. "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart; you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up" (Dt 6:6-7). "Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training

(nurture) and admonition (instruction) of the Lord" (Eph 6:4).

And our heavenly Father gave children the responsibility of respecting and honoring their parents. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth" (Eph 6:1-3). "My son, hear (listen to and obey) the instruction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother" (Pr 1:8). Children, "listen to your father who begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old" (Pr 23:22).

The result of following God's commandments will be happiness in a home which will serve as the bedrock of society. "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is His reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed" (Ps 127:3-5). When God's instructions are carefully implemented and His word diligently taught, the home will provide a solid foundation on which to build a well-ordered society and will bring honor and glory to His name. —**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

Georine Cuvellier - June 25th



Anyone can father a child, but being a Dad takes a lifetime. The important role Fathers play in a child's life cannot be filled by others. This role helps to shape the child into the person they become. Fathers are pillars in the development of a child's emotional well-being. Children look to their Fathers to lay down the rules and enforce them. They also look to their Fathers to provide a feeling of security, both physical and emotional. Studies have shown that when fathers are affectionate and supportive, it greatly affects a child's cognitive and social development. It also instills an overall sense of well-being and self confidence. A Father who is involved in his child's life promotes inner growth and strength. These children want to make their Fathers proud! ☺

— Pediatric Associates of Franklin, TN

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 6,411
This Month: 12,376



SNACKS!

June 16: Pat
June 23: Paula

Attendance & Contribution

for June 9, 2024

Attendance — 20
Contribution — \$711

Order of Worship

June 16, 2024

“Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding”

📖 - Psalm 47:6-7 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—5

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song—163

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*
~ Ephesians 6:1-4 ~

Song—99

The Lord's Supper
Jason Kennedy (lead) & Mike Doucette

Song—43

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
“The Need for Godly Fathers”

Song—599

Announcements & Closing Prayer
George Cuvellier

Alternate: *Louis Bureau*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Paula Kennedy*

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

June 16, 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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