



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 Family (friend of Terry & Betty) - Bob passed away on June 19th. Please pray for his family as they grieve their loss.
- 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)

Faithful at Being Unfaithful



All through the Old Testament the nation of Israel – God's chosen people through whom God would bring salvation to all mankind – repeatedly demonstrated their unfaithfulness to their God. This is especially true throughout the time of the Judges, a period of about 300 years (1400-1100 B.C.), where "everyone did what was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25). Scripture affirms that "whatever things were written before, were written for our learning" (Rom 15:4). Therefore, many lessons can be learned from a serious study of the inspired Book of Judges.

Throughout the book, Israel repeats a troubling and wearisome cycle of (1) faithful obedience, (2) rebellion & sin, (3) bondage & oppression, (4) penitence & repentance, and (5) deliverance & restoration through a God appointed Judge. Because of their sin and rebellious attitude, Israel had failed to utterly destroy or drive out the Canaanites from the Promised Land (Dt 7:24; Judges 2:1-2). The wicked practices of these ungodly people unduly influenced the Israelites and they were time and again drawn away from their faithfulness to God into the sin and idolatry of their neighbors.

Israel had been consistently faithful to God under the good leadership of Joshua, who died at 110 years of age (Judges 2:7-8). But this was not the case with the next generation. They "did evil in the sight of the Lord" (v. 11), "forsook the Lord God of their fathers" (v. 12), "and served Baal and the Ashtoreths" (v. 13). This "provoked the Lord to anger" (v. 12, 14), so "He delivered them into the hands of plunderers" and "sold them into the hands of their enemies all around" (v. 14), "and they were greatly distressed" (v. 15).

Yet, even in the face of this willful disobedience and deliberate sin, "the Lord was moved to pity (compassion) by their groaning because of those who oppressed and harassed them" and "the Lord raised up judges and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies" (v. 18). This is good news!

But their faithful obedience to their gracious God did not last long. After that judge died, ungrateful Israel "reverted and behaved more corruptly than their fathers, by following other gods, to serve them and bow down to them. They did not cease from their own [evil] doings, nor from their stubborn way" (v. 19). Time after time, the Israelites violated the covenant of Jehovah God.

As Christians, we too are in a covenant relationship with God (Mt 26:28; Heb 5:9; 9:15). And we are to be faithful to Him as we live our lives in this wicked world (1 Cor 15:58; Phil 1:27; Rev 2:10). Israel allowed themselves to be unduly influenced by the godless nations around them, forsook their God, and chose to serve the false gods of the Canaanites. If we love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength (Mk 12:30), and seek first His kingdom and His righteousness (Mt 6:33), we will not repeat the sad cycle of the unfaithful Israelites revealed in the Book of Judges. —**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

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

- Acts 4:12 -

☺ **Welcome Visitors!** ☺

We are glad to have you as our honored guests!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Georine Cuvellier — June 25th
Tyler Kennedy — July 9th
Roslyn Soper — July 12th
Pat Miller — July 16th
Diane Cote — July 24th

Happy Anniversary!

Louis & Kelly — July 9th



Let your light shine!

(Matthew 5:16)

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 21,989
This Month: 12,376



SNACKS!

June 23: Paula
June 30: Kathleen

Attendance & Contribution


for June 16, 2024

Attendance — 20
Contribution — \$626

Order of Worship

June 23, 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—6

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song—63

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*
~ Judges 2:11-19 ~

Song—301

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

Song—572

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
“A Bible Book of Failure”

Song—39

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 23, 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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