



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 - 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
- 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 that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- 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)

Restoration — Spiritual Renewal



Before the days of Global Positioning Satellites (GPS) and sophisticated electronic devices, if a ship at sea or an aircraft in the sky did not take regular navigational "fixes" to determine its location, it could easily stray off course. The same is true in the spiritual realm. There are many diversions, distractions, and temptations that can get us off-track and put us on a wayward course.

In order to stay "on-track," one must possess an accurate chart with which to navigate and plot a correct course. One must also use a compass to ensure true north, along with sighting landmarks and other navigational aids—including the stars. These are fixed "standards" which one can use to compare the true compass reading with the established bearing on an accurate chart.

Of course, our chart is the Bible—the word of God—our fixed standard. "Forever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven" (Ps 119:89). We are to regularly take navigational "fixes" on where we are in life and compare it to the standard. If there is a detected deviation, we must make the necessary adjustments to correct our course to bring our lives into harmony with the word of God. At times, the "storms of life" (the above mentioned 'diversions, distractions, and temptations') can overwhelm us and drive us far from where we should be. We can get so far off course that we actually lose our bearings, and *could* end up lost. When this happens, we need to make some major changes by turning to the One who can help us.

Finding our way back begins with a repentant, humble spirit. The Lord can work with those who have "a contrite and humble spirit, to revive [restore, renew] the spirit of the humble, and to revive [restore, renew] the heart of the contrite ones" (Is 57:15). Then, "trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding [this is probably why you got off course in the first place!]; in all your ways acknowledge Him [the true standard], and He shall direct your paths" (Pr 3:5-6). In other words, God will get you back on course!

We see this dynamic in the life of David who sinned grievously with Bathsheba, lied about it, and then had her husband Uriah killed. With "a broken and contrite heart" he prays, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right [steadfast] spirit within me" ... restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free [generous] spirit" (Ps 51:10 & 12). When you & I get off-track, we need to follow David's example and "be renewed in the spirit of [our] mind (Eph 4:23).

When we obey God's will in this area, He offers this promise: "But those who wait on [trust in] the Lord, shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint (Is 40:31). And then our loving heavenly Father adds: "Keep silence before Me ... and let the people renew their strength!" (Is 41:1). With God's help, and by His strength & guidance, we will be able to stay the course and reach our heavenly destination (Jn 3:16-17; Jn 6:44-45; Eph 2:8-9; Phil 3:20-21; 2 Tim 1:9; Titus 3:5; 1 Jn 5:13).

—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 pleased to have you as our honored guests!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tyler Kennedy — July 9th
Roslyn Soper — July 12th
Pat Miller — July 16th
Diane Cote — July 24th

Happy Anniversary!

Louis & Kelly — July 9th

Pot Luck Fellowship

Next Sunday, July 14th,
after services. ☺

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 4,497
This Month: 4,268



SNACKS!

July 7: Terry K
July 14: Jan

Attendance & Contribution for June 30, 2024

Attendance — 27
Contribution — \$685

Order of Worship

July 7, 2024

“O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.”

📖 - Isaiah 25:1 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—17

Opening Prayer: *Louis Bureau*

Song—209

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*
~ Zephaniah 2:1-3 ~

Song—278

The Lord's Supper
Jim Miller (lead) & Mike Doucette

Song—78

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
“Zephaniah - A Day of Retribution
and A Day Of Restoration”

Song—198

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Jason Kennedy

Alternate: *George Cuvellier*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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

## July 7, 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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