



## 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
- Terry Schmidt - dealing with Covid
- 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)



## Evidence of a Worldwide Flood

If you mention Noah's ark in mixed company today, many people will think you are talking about ancient folklore or mythology. This is understandable coming from an atheistic and secular world that seeks to reduce the Bible to nothing more than the fabricated fables of our ancient ancestors gathered around campfires. And sadly, many identifying themselves as Christian churches would also consider the story of Noah a mere fable. This leads us to the question, was Noah's ark real and flood an actual event? And if it wasn't, can we really trust what the Bible says? Scoffing at the story of Noah's ark and denying the world-wide flood is ultimately an attack on God's Word.

Noah is referred to as a real person eight times in the New Testament. Matthew, Luke, Hebrews and Peter refer to Noah as definitely existing and the flood as real. Jesus commented on Noah's flood as if it were an actual event, and Noah a real person. If the flood and Noah did not happen, one must conclude that Jesus was wrong. However, Jesus was right and did not need to consult the highly sophisticated "experts" of our day.

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be" (Matthew 24:36-39).

According to Jesus, the Second Coming is just as real as the "the days of Noah". So, if Noah and flood were not real, neither is the Second Coming. The attack on Noah's ark is an attack on the Bible—both Old and New Testaments. To reject the flood account of scripture leads one to reject the Bible as a whole. This is the reason we need to defend the case for a literal world-wide flood. Is there any evidence for a worldwide flood?

"And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven

were covered. The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered" (Gen 7:19-20).

"For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the Day of Judgment and perdition of ungodly men" (2 Peter 3:5-7).

The signs pointing to a worldwide flood are overwhelming for those willing to examine the evidence. What the Bible tells us happened is verified and validated in the fossil and geologic records. All throughout the earth we find massive amounts of sedimentary deposits that were left by a worldwide flood.

It is also a matter of history, as recorded in practically every culture around the world, that a global flood did indeed impact this planet. Flood traditions have been cited and remembered throughout history by people all over the world, just as would be expected.

- Adapted from an article found on Truthnet.org



**"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!*



Diane Cote — July 24th

The God we serve is omnipotent [all-powerful] (Jer 32:17; Rev 19:6), omniscient [all-knowing] (Psalm 147:5; Proverbs 15:11) and omnipresent [everywhere present] (Psalm 139:7-12; Pr 15:3). Everything in God’s marvelous creation bears witness to His creative genius and awesome power (Rom 1:18-25). “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork” (Ps 19:1). We serve a God who is sovereign and who protects us and provides for us through His providential care. Our God “works all things according to the counsel of His will” (Eph 1:11). He rules over all, possessing and exercising supreme power & authority over His creation. He is “Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all” (Eph 4:6). God’s power is limited only by the dictates of His divine nature. In other words, He cannot do anything that is contrary to His character. 📖

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 4,913  
This Month: 15,342



SNACKS!

July 21: Betty  
July 28: Betty

Attendance & Contribution for July 14, 2024

Attendance — 23  
Contribution — \$486

Order of Worship

July 21, 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: *Louis Bureau*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Louis Bureau*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*  
~ 1 Corinthians 15:24-26 ~

Song

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

Song

Sermon: *Jim Miller*  
“The Sovereign Rule of God”

Song

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 21, 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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