



## 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)



## Never Say "Never!"



On the night He was betrayed by Judas and handed over to the hate-filled, envious Jewish leaders, the Lord said to His disciples: "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night." Then the beloved Apostle Peter, whom we love for his brash impulsive nature, answered: "Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will *never* be made to stumble ... even if I have to die with You, I will *not* deny You!" (Mt 26:31-35). But Peter *did* deny the Lord. He denied Him three times as the Lord had accurately predicted he would (vv. 58-75).

Hence the sobering warning given to us in Scripture: "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor 10:12). The word "stand" in the Greek can mean "to continue safe and sound." This warning is applicable to all of us in those times when we are lulled into thinking we are "all set" and are somehow immune to temptation or incapable of falling away. **WARNING!** This kind of complacent overconfidence can quickly lead to one's downfall!

Whenever we are beginning to rest secure in our *own* strength and skills—feeling "spiritually smug" perhaps—we had better "*take heed!*" The Greek here brings out the idea of "seeing with the mind's eye to carefully consider, contemplate, examine and weigh carefully." In other words, we are to take a good, hard look at ourselves. Or, as 2 Corinthians 13:5 admonishes, "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves." Wise counsel indeed! The Bible and history are filled with sorrowful accounts of those who neglected to regularly undergo or submit to this kind of spiritual examination.

A broken-hearted Paul wrote: "Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world" (2 Tim 4:10). We need to be acutely aware that there are aspects of this sinful world that are pleasurable, alluring and tempting. But these things are temporary and fleeting and can never satisfy the deep needs of the soul. This is why the Lord asks the penetrating and

probing questions: "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mt 16:26). These exemplify the types of excellent questions with which one can effectively "examine himself" on a regular basis.

If we fail to "take heed", we may be heading for a fearsome formidable "*fall*." This word means "to be thrust down, to fall from a state of uprightness, to fail, to fall under judgement or condemnation." Powerful word! And one that should really get our attention. No one believes it can happen to them. Peter certainly didn't! But it *does* happen. It happens all too often. It can happen to *you*. So, never say "*never!*" — **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 you have come to worship with us today. 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 a visitor's card before you depart.*

Have a great week! 😊



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wayne Sampson — August 14th



## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for AUGUST

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Opening Prayer: George Cuvellier

Scripture Reading: Louis Bureau

Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson (lead) & Mike Doucette

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
Jim Miller

Alternate: Jason Kennedy

Lord's Supper Prep: Paula Kennedy

## Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 6,665

This Month: 22,007



## SNACKS!

July 28: Betty

August 4: Cathy

## Attendance & Contribution

for July 21, 2024

Attendance — 22

Contribution — Not Available

# Order of Worship

July 28, 2024

*"From the rising of the sun to  
its going down, the LORD's  
name is to be praised!"*

📖 - Psalm 113:3 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—55

Opening Prayer: *Louis Bureau*

Song—59

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*  
~ 2 Chronicles 26:1-5 ~

Song—289

The Lord's Supper

*Jim Miller (lead) & Mike Doucette*

Song—332

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

*"Uzziah—from Royalty to Leprosy"*

Song—613

Announcements & Closing Prayer

*Jason Kennedy*

Alternate: *George Cuvellier*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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

## July 28, 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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