



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 to the knee as a result of diabetes; 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
- Kathleen Judkins - scheduled for knee replacement surgery for her left knee on Sept 23rd
- Anita Messervy (Kathleen's niece) - prayers of thanks requested, as a recent tumor found in her lung was not cancerous
- Richard Miles (Kathleen's nephew) - undergoing chemo & radiation to combat a rare sarcoma after having a football-size tumor removed
- Alivia Schmidt (Terry & Betty's granddaughter) - suffering with Crohn's Disease at 15 years old
- 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

"The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers."

~ 1 Peter 3:12 ~

Abiding



In John 15, Jesus teaches us that we are to abide in Him (vv. 4-5). We abide (stay in, continue in, dwell in, remain in) Jesus when we learn of Him (Mt 11:29), come to know Him and obey His commandments (1 Jn 2:3-4). Our Lord said, "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love (v. 10)." This is where the Lord wants us to be — "abiding in His love." And, it is where we should want to be.

Jesus also says in John 15 that He abides in us (vv. 4-5). "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." How does Jesus abide in us? "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you..." (v. 7). Jesus abides in us through the living and powerful word of God (Heb 4:12). Therefore, "let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom..." (Col 3:16). Christ's words are powerful and life-giving. The crowds "were astonished at His doctrine: for His word was with power" (Lk 4:32). And, the Apostle Peter declared: "You have the words of eternal life" (Jn 6:68).

Paul further clarifies this point of Christ abiding in us: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me..." (Gal 2:20). But, as indicated by this text, before Christ can effectively live in us the old man must be crucified. That is, we must die to self (to our will when opposed to God's will). "And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in (direct our lives in conformity with) the Spirit" (Gal 5:24-25). Christ is to "dwell in your hearts by faith" (Eph 3:17).

As John lovingly reminds us, "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked (1 Jn 2:6). Our inspiration and motivation for doing this is eloquently expressed a few verses later: "And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His com-

ing" (1 Jn 2:28). For salvation's sake, we need to abide in Christ, and have Him abide in us. For this, we need to remember that "he who keeps His commandments dwells in Him, and He in him [you]" (Jn 3:24). In short, this is "Christ in you, the hope of glory!" (Col 1:27).

— 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

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Jesus — John 14:6

"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 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



We will enjoy our potluck meal next Sunday after services. We hope you will plan to stay for this special time of food, fun & fellowship! ☺

We depend on Jesus for everything. “For in Him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). No one can serve God effectively until he is connected with Jesus Christ by faith (Eph 3:12-19). Jesus is our only connection with the God who first gave us life, and who produces in the Christian a fruitful life of righteousness and service. 📖

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 8,292
This Month: 1,461



SNACKS!

August 4: Cathy
August 11: Paula

Attendance & Contribution

for July 28, 2024

Attendance — 24
Contribution — \$641

Order of Worship

August 4, 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—17

Opening Prayer: *George Cuvellier*

Song—63

Scripture Reading: *Louis Bureau*
~ John 15:1-8 ~

Song—4

The Lord’s Supper
Wayne Sampson (lead) & Mike Doucette

Song—114

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
“Spiritual Agriculture”

Song—522

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Jim Miller

Alternate: *Jason Kennedy*

Lord’s Supper Prep: *Paula Kennedy*

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

August 4, 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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