



## 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 ~

## Our Faith

by Jim Miller

At times we are confronted with situations we aren't sure we can endure. Some folks are faced with health issues, some face financial hardship, still others face a combination of things they cannot control. Fear is often a huge motivating factor in our lives. Fear at times will make us do things that we know we shouldn't. It causes distress and sometimes causes us to sin against God.

I can remember times in my life when I have gotten down on my knees and asked God, "Why is this happening to me?" and proclaiming, "I can't bear anymore Lord!" Yet, here I am today still alive and still blessed. At times like this I can't help but think of Job. I have to stop and ask myself, "Where is my faith?" God has supplied all my needs all my life, and maybe I was just too blind at the time to see it.

Job's life is an example for Christians everywhere. There are many lessons that Christians can learn from the story of Job. Here are a few:

**1. Serving God is a lifelong job** (1:1-5). Christians need to sacrifice and pray every single day of their lives in order to go on to perfection. We can also help others by praying for them like Job did. "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (Jas. 5:16).

**2. The righteous are not exempt from suffering.** We must not confuse wealth with approval from God or illness with sin. (See Matthew 9:21-22 and John 9:2-3).


**3. Suffering can come "overnight"** (1:13-19). No one knows what tomorrow may bring. Christians need to be ready for trials. James 4:14 says, "Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away."

**4. Suffering can be devastating** (2:1-8). Be humble in the sight of the Lord and in regard to your ability to endure.

**5. Friends and family cannot be relied upon in the end** (2:9-13). Each individual is accountable

for his own life. Well-meaning friends and family may give bad advice, but obedience to the Lord's commandments will always be right.

No one has said life would be easy. But if we will put our faith, hope, and trust in Him who created us we can endure.

"Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin; And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?" (Mt: 6:26-30). 

### "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 and 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 one of our visitor's cards before you depart. Have a great week!*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wayne Sampson — August 14th



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

"Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things!" (Ps 98:1). When Paul and Silas were beaten and imprisoned, they "were praying and singing hymns to God" (Acts 16:25). Christians ought to be singing people. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God" (Col 3:16). Are you singing the praises of God in your life? 📖

## Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 5,172  
This Month: 6,633



## SNACKS!

August 11: Paula  
August 18: Pat

## Attendance & Contribution

for August 4, 2024

Attendance — 26  
Contribution — \$988

# Order of Worship

August 11, 2024

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

📖 - Psalm 113:3 - 📖

Song Leader: *Louis Bureau*

Song

Opening Prayer: *George Cuvellier*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*  
~ 1 John 5:4-5 ~

Song

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

Song

Sermon: *Jim Miller*  
"Faith is the Victory"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer  
*George Cuvellier*

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 11, 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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