



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Louis Bureau - left shoulder tendon healing slowly; also requests prayers for his family
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Glenda Castleberry - we just recently learned that she passed away in May due to liver cancer
- Diane Cote - left leg amputated to the knee as a result of diabetes; now dealing with an abscess on her right foot
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Kate Ivory (niece of Robbie Andrews) - studying the Bible with our brother Robbie in AL
- Kathleen Judkins - scheduled for knee replacement surgery for her left knee on Sept 23rd
- Richard Miles (Kathleen's nephew) - undergoing chemo & radiation to combat a rare sarcoma
- Brent Newton - suffered a minor stroke on 8/18; now home recovering and doing well
- Wayne Sampson - having a procedure on 9/4 to correct claudication (a narrowing of the arteries reducing blood flow to the legs, resulting in pain and difficulty standing & walking)
- Henry Terrill - undergoing radiation treatments for prostate cancer (localized in the prostate)
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- 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)

Jesus — the Rock



At one point during His earthly ministry Jesus, after asking his disciples who others thought He was, then asked the pointed and probing question: "But who do you say that I am?" As was fairly typical for him, Peter spoke up first, and confidently declared: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!" In identifying Jesus as the Christ, Peter acknowledged that He was the Messiah (the Anointed One; Deliverer; Savior). In declaring that He was the Son of the living God, Peter was affirming Jesus' deity. He was indeed Immanuel — "God with us!" (Mt 1:23). Jesus then replied, "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build My church, and the gates of Hell (*Hades*) shall not prevail against it" (Mt 16:13-18).

Jesus taught that He would build His church on "this rock" — that is, the divine truth of the confession Peter had made saying Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus is not only the *builder* of His church, He is also the *foundation* — the *only* foundation! (not Peter, or any man!) "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor 3:11). Using a little different imagery, Paul describes those in the Lord's church as "fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord" (Eph 2:19-21). Like the *foundation*, this *cornerstone* was the most essential and important part of the building.

Peter builds on the idea of God's people being a holy temple. "You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Pet 2:5). "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His

marvelous light" (v. 9).

This phrase "called you out" accurately describes the Lord's church. The Greek word translated "church" is *ekklesia*, which literally means "the called out" (assembly). As members of the church of Christ, we have been called out of the world and its ways. Although we are still *in* the world, we are not to be *of* the world. We have been delivered from the power of darkness, and have been translated (conveyed, transferred) into the kingdom of God's dear Son! (Col 1:13). What a blessing! (Eph 1:3).

— Terry Schmidt ✍



"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

- Acts 16:30 -

Hear the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Rom 10:14,17

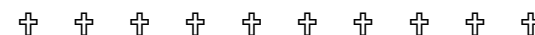
Believe [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31
Heb 11:6

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

Jason Kennedy — Sept 11th
Mike Doucette — Sept 14th
Genesis Cuvellier — Sept 26th



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

“...food which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.” — 1 Timothy 4:3

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 7,499
This Month: 30,808



SNACKS!

Sept 1: Betty
Sept 8: Paula

Attendance & Contribution

for August 25, 2024

Attendance — 17
Contribution — \$453

Order of Worship

September 1, 2024

“Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before His presence with singing.”

📖 - Psalm 100:1-2 - 📖

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Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—225

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song—222

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier*  
~ Matthew 16:13-19 ~

Song—4

The Lord’s Supper  
*Louis Bureau (lead) & Mike Doucette*

Song—209

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
“The New Testament Church”

Song—522

Announcements & Closing Prayer  
*Wayne Sampson*

Alternate: *Jim Miller*

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Lord’s Supper Prep: *Terry Kennedy*

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

September 1, 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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