



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

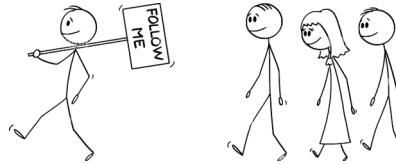
- James 5:16 -

- 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
- 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 - experiencing *claudication* (a narrowing of the arteries reducing blood flow to the legs, resulting in pain and difficulty standing & walking; a procedure is scheduled for 9/25 to bypass an 8-inch blockage in his right leg
- 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)



Follow My Example

The Apostle Paul dispenses wise counsel in 1 Corinthians 11:1 when he says: "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ." And again, in Philippians 3:17 he admonishes: "Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern." The Greek word translated "pattern" here is "typos" from where we get our English word "type." And, in this context, it refers to "an example to be imitated—of those worthy of imitation." We are to "note" ["mark" – KJV] those who are setting a good godly example and imitate their manner, conduct and behavior. The Greek word translated "note" literally means "to take aim at." It includes the idea of directing one's attention to someone, fixing one's eyes upon them to observe, contemplate, and then take heed to thyself [apply what is learned to one's life].

Depending on where we are at certain stages in our lives, it may be difficult to find those whom we might deem "worthy of imitation." But we can always turn to the pages of our Bibles and learn from those "heroes of faith" recorded in Scripture. Such a man is Caleb. Caleb was a servant of God who lived a righteous life in faithful obedience to God's will. He is definitely worthy of imitation. Throughout his entire life, this man of God developed and maintained an unshakable, enduring faith. Without exception, as it concerned his walk with God, he remained "steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Cor 15:58). The question you & I may ask is, "How did he do it?"

The Lord Himself will help answer the question for us. In Deuteronomy 1:35-36, the Lord declares: "Surely not one of these men of this evil generation shall see that good land of which I swore to give to your fathers, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him and his children I am giving the land on which he walked, because he wholly followed the LORD."

The bottom line is—boiling everything down to its very essence—Caleb wholeheartedly obeyed the *first* and *greatest* commandment cited by the Lord Jesus in Mark 12:30. "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."

Because Caleb loved the Lord with this level of intensity—with every inch and ounce of his being—his allegiance to God was strong, stable and secure. And, as a loyal servant, he put God and His will first in everything (Mt 6:33). Because Caleb's love *for* God and his allegiance *to* God was paramount—the highest priority in his life—obedience to God's commandments and the following of His will were inevitable and non-negotiable. "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome" (1 Jn 5:3).

Caleb truly had a heart for God, and this wholesome attitude manifested itself in a lifetime of faithful, obedient service to God and His people. May the same be able to be said of us when it's our time to depart this life and step into eternity. And, on that great Day, may we hear those exciting words from our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!" (Mt 25:21). — **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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



We will enjoy our potluck meal today 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: 12,222
This Month: 43,030



SNACKS!

Sept 8: Paula
Sept 15: Jan

Attendance & Contribution

for September 1, 2024

Attendance — 23
Contribution — \$726

Order of Worship

September 8, 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—120

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song—327

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier*  
~ Joshua 14:9-14 ~

Song—56

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

Song—332

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
“Caleb’s Enduring Faith”

Song—644

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 8, 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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