



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; now dealing with an abscess on her right foot
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Retha Flack (Terry & Betty's Christian friend) - 2 blockages in her heart which must be addressed
- Kathleen Judkins - surgery for left knee replacement on 9/23 went well; now undergoing PT
- 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); procedure re-scheduled for 11/4 to bypass an 8-inch blockage in his right leg
- Henry Terrill - undergoing radiation treatments for prostate cancer (localized in the prostate)
- Victims of Hurricane Helene - prayers for those affected by the devastation brought on by this storm; many who have suffered loss of family & loved ones, homes, property, & their livelihood
- 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

"Call upon Me in the day of trouble."

- Psalm 50:15 -

God's Covenants

God's covenants are intertwined with His "eternal purpose," which is the salvation of man's soul. We often refer to this "eternal purpose" as God's "plan of salvation." But, in Ephesians 3:11, God calls it His eternal purpose—"the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord." All the covenants that God has made with man are indeed "according to His eternal purpose." In other words, all of God's covenants, play an integral part in the salvation of man. Indeed, God's eternal purpose has always been the salvation of man's soul.

The main prerequisite in saving man is the forgiveness of man's sin, because sin is the very thing that we need to be saved from. Sin has the power to rob us of salvation—to condemn us—so, that power had to be overcome and taken away. And the One that God "purposed" to take away the power of sin is Jesus Christ the Lord. Jesus is Lord, even over the power and authority of Satan. "The Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil" (1 Jn 3:8).

All the way back in Genesis 3:15, God had promised that One would indeed come, "born of a woman" (Gal 4:4), who would take away the power of sin, thereby making our salvation possible. God said to the serpent: "He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel" (Gen 3:15). The word "bruise" in this context means "to overwhelm, and to break, and to crush." God's eternal purpose was that Jesus the Christ should completely overwhelm, break and crush the power and authority of sin. So, in "crushing his head," Jesus completely overwhelmed, broke and crushed Satan's authority. This was also God's promise to man that the power of Satan and sin shall indeed be overcome!

God's "whole law" (Gal 5:3; Jas 2:10), was a combination of His covenant with Abraham (which included the law of circumcision), and the covenant laws which He gave through Moses (including the 10 Commandments). This is what made up the whole law of God before the establishment of the law of Christ (1 Cor 9:21; Gal 6:2). So then, how did that whole law save anyone? After all, Galatians 3:11 says; "But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident,

for 'the just shall live by faith'." But the very next verse (v. 12) tells us exactly how people were saved under the old covenant. "Yet the law is not of faith, but "the man who does them (does what the law says), shall live by them."

Salvation was granted by doing and living by what the law said. "You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the Lord" (Lev 18:5). It was solely a matter of faith in God—that if a person did what God told them to do God would grant them salvation. It was the very same then as it is now. It was and is a matter of faith and obedience. As Jesus has said: "Not everyone who says to Me 'Lord, Lord' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven" (Mt 7:21). In short, hear the word of God, believe the word of God, obey the word of God, and be saved by God.

Adapted from an article of the Buffalo Wyoming Church of Christ at <https://cocbuffalowyo.com/>

"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



Welcome Visitors!



We are pleased to have you as our honored guests!



Heidi Soper — October 6th
Terry Kennedy -- October 28th



Happy Anniversary!

Wayne & Jan — October 9th
Tammy & Rolla — October 18th
Jason & Paula — October 25th



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

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 7,961
This Month: 7,080



SNACKS!

October 6: Pat
October 13: Paula

Attendance & Contribution

for September 29, 2024

Attendance — 24
Contribution — \$442

Order of Worship

October 6, 2024

“Therefore, by Him, let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.”

📖 - Hebrews 13:15 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—17

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—40

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*
~ Exodus 19:3-8 ~

Song—48

The Lord’s Supper
George Cuvellier (lead) & Mike Doucette

Song—51

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
“Five Great Covenants of the Bible”

Song—49

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Louis Bureau

Alternate: *Wayne Sampson*

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Lord’s Supper Prep: *Pat Miller*

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

## October 6, 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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