



## 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 - recovering well from her left knee replacement surgery on 9/23; now undergoing PT; expresses appreciation for our prayers
- 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)
- Hurricane Victims - prayers for those affected by the devastation brought on by these storms; 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

“Call upon Me in the day of trouble.”

- Psalm 50:15 -

## Autopilot



Have you ever found yourself driving along a familiar route, intending to arrive at destination B, only to find yourself arriving at destination A? You had wanted to go to the hardware store, but instead found yourself in the parking lot of an oft frequented donut shop! What happened? *Autopilot!* When you and I function on autopilot, we tend to mechanically go through the motions of something without really thinking about what we're doing. A formal clinical definition reads: "To function or do something automatically, without thinking about one's actions, generally because one has done something many times in the past" (*The Farlex Dictionary of Idioms*).

Another closely related word is "perfunctory," which means: "something done routinely with little interest or care; done mechanically or without interest or enthusiasm (and merely for the sake of getting rid of the duty); done in a half-hearted or careless manner (*American Heritage Dictionary*). "Perfunctory" is a word whose origins are found entirely in Latin. First appearing in English in the late 16th century, it is derived from the Late Latin *perfunctorius*, meaning "done in a careless or superficial manner." Perfunctory can describe something that is carried out with little effort or care, as in "He did a perfunctory job raking the leaves," but when used to describe a person it usually means "lacking enthusiasm." (*Merriam-Webster*).

Why be concerned about autopilot? Because, if we're not careful, this mindless manner can creep into our worship, particularly during the observance of the Lord's Supper. When our Lord Jesus Christ instituted the Lord's Supper he said: "Do this in remembrance of Me" (Luke 22:19). As we observe the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day, we are to remember the tremendous sacrifice Jesus made for *us*, and think about the excruciating pain the sinless Lamb of God (Jn 1:29; 1 Pet 1:19) suffered as He endured the agony of crucifixion. May we never take His sacrifice for granted, nor regard it lightly.

Also, as we partake of the emblems—the bread, which represents Christ's body and the fruit of the vine, which represents His blood (Mt 26:26-28)—we are to be concentrating on what they mean. This is part of worshiping God "in spirit [from the heart, with all your heart] and in truth [in accordance with the authority of God's word] (Jn 4:24).

As mortal human beings, we tend to be easily distracted and our minds often wander. But, we really need to guard against this tendency when partaking of the Lord's Supper. As we observe this memorial feast and partake of the emblems, we need to intentionally *focus* our thoughts on their meaning and fully *concentrate* on what we're doing. As the Lord commands: "Do this in remembrance of Me."

May we never be guilty of observing the Lord's Supper by just "going through the motions" in a careless, mechanical, superficial way—but always have proper regard and respect for the emblems and what they represent—and truly contemplate their significance to us as Christians.

— 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 pleased to have you as our honored guests!



Terry Kennedy -- October 28th



Tammy & Rolla — October 18th  
Jason & Paula — October 25th



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

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 11,652  
This Month: 18,732



**SNACKS!**

October 13: Paula  
Oct 20: Terry K

**Attendance & Contribution**

for October 6, 2024

Attendance — 32  
Contribution — \$704

**Order of Worship**

October 13, 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—19

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—22

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*  
~ 1 Corinthians 11:23-29 ~

Song—289

The Lord’s Supper

*George Cuvellier (lead) & Mike Doucette*

Song—119

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

“The Lord’s Supper—A Memorial”

Song—336

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 13, 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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