



Prayer Requests:

“Pray for one another”

- James 5:16 -

- 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 11/18 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 weak & struggling

“Call upon Me in the day of trouble.”

- Psalm 50:15 -

The Covenant of Marriage



In Genesis 1:24, where God established the institution of marriage, the Bible says: “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” It’s interesting to note that the Apostle Paul refers to this passage in 1 Corinthians 6:16, using similar language: “Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For ‘the two,’ He says, ‘shall become one flesh’.” He who is joined to a harlot [a prostitute; a woman of the street] becomes “one flesh” with her, yet the two are not married. Why not? And what is it that makes the difference?

The difference is, marriage is a covenant relationship, while engaging in relations with a harlot is not. For example, Proverbs 2:16-17 tells us that an immoral woman, a seductress, “forsakes the companion of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God” [the covenant she made before God when she married the companion of her youth]. In marriage, a man and a woman, out of their love for one another, publicly pledge themselves to each other before God and other witnesses. This means that, forsaking all others, they commit themselves to one another for life. As the Lord Jesus reminds us, “So then, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let not man separate” (Mt 19:6).

This pledge is a solemn promise which includes and involves a life-long undertaking. These words should not be taken lightly, as they reflect a marriage-covenant oath, invoking a divine witness [God], to examine and evaluate their future actions and behavior. Making this sincere and serious commitment shows that the obligations of marriage are acknowledge, understood and accepted by the couple entering into the marriage bond. In Paul’s example of a man “who is joined to a harlot,” there is no promise, no commitment, and no obligations. The relationship is illicit and illegal, in that it is

outside the will of God. But, doing things God’s way satisfies His divine will, as well as the legal statutes of a governing society.

A true and lasting marriage is born out of genuine love (1 Cor 13:1-8a), which involves a sincere commitment to one another for life (Eph 5:21-33). At times, when this love is stressed and strained by difficult situations and trying circumstances, it is the steadfast commitment to one another – and to God – that strengthens the marriage and keeps it together. This is endurance. A durable marriage is one that has been tested time and time again by the challenges and vicissitudes of life. It has been tempered and strengthened through things like honesty, trust & fidelity, thoughtful consideration, sympathetic understanding, selfless sacrifice, committed companionship, genuine gratitude, merciful forgiveness, diligent teamwork, and just plain hard work. — **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 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!



Terry Kennedy — October 28th



Happy Anniversary!

Jason & Paula — October 25th



On October 18th, Jason & Paula welcomed their 1st grandchild into the world! Justin and Dayla had a beautiful 8 pound, 12 ounce, 22 1/2 inch long baby girl — Kali Mae Both mother and daughter are healthy and doing well. 😊

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 4,301
This Month: 23,033



SNACKS!

Oct 20: Terry K
October 27: Jan

Attendance & Contribution

for October 13, 2024

Attendance — 26
Contribution — \$574

Order of Worship

October 20, 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—59

Opening Prayer: Jim Miller

Song—255

Scripture Reading: Jason Kennedy
~ 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 ~

Song—287

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

Song—55

Sermon: Terry Schmidt
“Living in Moral Purity”

Song—522

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Louis Bureau

Alternate: Wayne Sampson

Lord’s Supper Prep: Pat Miller

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

October 20, 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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