



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 Victory That Overcomes the World

In a number of places in Scripture we read: “The just [the righteous - those who seek to keep the commands of God, strive to conform to the will of God, and are thus approved by God] shall live by faith” (Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38). Paul puts it another way in 2 Corinthians 5:7 when he says, “For we walk by faith, not by sight.” Since Christians are to walk or live by faith, it is important that we fully understand the meaning of the word.

Faith is from the Latin *fides*, meaning simply “to trust.” The Greek brings out the idea of firm persuasion, a conviction based upon hearing (*see* Rom 10:17). The ideas of belief and trust are prominent, leading one to place full reliance and complete dependence upon the One in which he has faith (*see* Heb 11:6).

Webster’s 1828 Dictionary expounds on this: Faith is “the assent of the mind or understanding to the truth of what God has revealed. Simple belief of the Scriptures, of the Being and perfections of God, and of the existence, character and doctrines of Christ, founded on the testimony of the sacred writers. That firm belief of God’s testimony, and of the truth of the gospel, which influences the will, and leads to an entire reliance on Christ for salvation.” And, to this definition, we would add: “Wow!”

A modern dictionary defines faith in this way: “A strong or unshakeable belief in something; a conviction of the truth of certain doctrines; allegiance or loyalty, as to a person or cause; complete confidence; trust in God and in his actions and promises” (*Collins English Dictionary*). Again, powerful stuff! Notice that this definition has included concepts like “allegiance” and loyalty.”

A strong, unwavering, unshakable faith comes more easily to one who loves the Lord his God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mk 12:30) – to one who is loyal to the Lord his God, who walks in His statutes, and keeps His commandments” (1 Kings 8:61). This is a person who *knows* God ... intimately.

He *knows* [to see and experience as with any of the senses – *see* Heb 11:1] whom he has believed and is *persuaded* [completely convinced with a firm confidence & full trust] that He *is able* [powerful and capable enough] to *keep* [guard and stand watch over – that it may be kept safe and not be lost] what he has *committed to Him* [entrusted for faithful keeping] until that Day (2 Tim 1:12).

In summary, the biblical heroes of faith reveal to us that faith can be simply and generally defined as taking God at His word – obeying the truth of His commands, and embracing the hope of His promises (Hebrews 11). “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith!” (1 Jn 5:4). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for NOVEMBER

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Opening Prayer: Louis Bureau

Scripture Reading: Jim Miller

Lord’s Supper:

Jason Kennedy (lead) & Mike Doucette

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Cuvellier

Alternate: Wayne Sampson

Lord’s Supper Prep: Jan Sampson

☺ 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



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. ☺

“Now faith is the substance [the concrete essence; assurance] of things hoped for, the evidence [proof; conviction] of things not seen.”

(Hebrews 11:1)

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 4,950
This Month: 27,983



SNACKS!

Oct 27: Jan
Nov 3: Betty

Attendance & Contribution

for October 20, 2024

Attendance — 27
Contribution — \$1,037

Order of Worship

October 27, 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—2

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—222

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*
~ 1 John 5:1-4 ~

Song—313

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

Song—231

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
“Victorious Faith”

Song—559

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 27, 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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