



## 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)
- Karolyn Terrill - strength for daily routines and keeping her cooperative spirit with staff
- Hurricane Victims - prayers for those affected by the devastation brought on by these storms; many have lost everything, including loved ones
- 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

*"Pray without ceasing."* — 1 Thess 5:17

## Inner Peace ... In a Troubled World



When dealing with the perpetual problems of this difficult life, inner peace can often seem somewhat elusive, if not impossible to experience. This highly desired "peace of mind" is reflected in a liberating freedom from worry, anxiety or other tormenting mental disturbances. It is a tranquil sense of inner calm, contentment and serenity. Many troubled souls are willing to pay top dollar to counselors, psychiatrists, and psycho-therapists in search of this elusive entity.

Those who are in Christ need to be assured that Jesus has promised us this peace. *"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"* (Jn 14:27). But, even for many Christians, this peace often remains something that seems all too remote or even unknown. How do you and I move toward truly experiencing the peace that the Lord promised?

First, we must learn to turn our focus away from our problems and direct it toward the Lord God. *"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in Thee"* (Is 26:3). The Hebrew word translated "stayed" means "to lean on or rest upon for support." Another key word is "trust." When we learn to place our trust in the Lord, we will lean upon Him for strength and support during difficult times of trial. *"Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith"* (Heb 12:2), will result in perfect (complete) peace and needed rest for our souls.

Next, we must turn to the Word of God to seek the truth (Jn 17:17), and learn His will (Eph 5:17). *"For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding"* (Pr 2:6). Paul reveals that studying the Scriptures brings patience and comfort to the sorrowful soul and instills hope (Rom 15:4). Patience will provide the fortitude, endurance and perseverance needed during the demanding trials of life. The comfort provided by God's word will help put hurting hearts at ease, bring rest to troubled souls, and move those filled

with worry & anxiety towards inner peace. *"Great peace have those who love Your law!"* (Ps 119:165).

In times of troublesome difficulty and personal struggle, Jesus does not want us to depend on ourselves and "go it alone," He wants us to come to Him. *"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls"* (Mt 11:28-29). The godly wisdom found in Proverbs 3:5-6 is most applicable here: *"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."*

Our Lord and Savior recognized that we would experience difficulties and problems in this troubled world. *"These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world!"* (Jn 16:33). Because of *"the good pleasure of His will"* (Eph 1:5), those blessed souls who are in Christ can experience inner peace in a troubled world. As the Lord Jesus Christ assures our frail & fragile hearts once again: *"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"* (Jn 14:27). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

*"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."*

- Acts 4:12 -

## 😊 Welcome Visitors 😊

*We are glad you have come to worship with us today. 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 a visitor's card before you depart.*



*Have a great week! 😊*

## Men's Business Meeting

We will be having our men's business meeting next Sunday, November 10th, directly after our pot luck meal.



Your presence & participation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you. 😊



We will enjoy our pot luck meal next Sunday 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: 7,622  
This Month: 1,456



# SNACKS!

Nov 3: Betty  
Nov 10: Paula

### Attendance & Contribution

for October 27, 2024

Attendance — 24  
Contribution — \$1,019

## Order of Worship

November 3, 2024

*"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."*

📖 - Psalm 29:2 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—1A

Opening Prayer: *Louis Bureau*

Song—63

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*  
~ Habakkuk 1:1-4 ~

Song—46

The Lord's Supper  
*Jason Kennedy (lead) & Mike Doucette*

Song—485

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"The Burden of Habakkuk"

Song—52

Announcements & Closing Prayer  
*George Cuvellier*

Alternate: *Wayne Sampson*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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

## November 3, 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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