



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

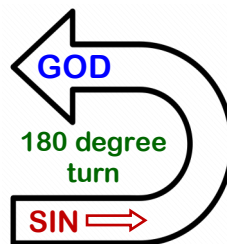
- James 5:16 -

- 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
- Leslie Denbow - left knee needs replacement surgery; experiencing nerve pain in right foot
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Retha Flack (Terry & Betty's Christian friend) - 2 blockages in heart; currently undergoing tests
- Kathleen Judkins - recovering well from her left knee replacement ; 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 11/18 to bypass an 8-inch blockage in his right leg
- Henry Terrill - radiation treatments for prostate cancer are completed; being evaluated soon
- 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 for those not with us today — the sick & suffering and those who are spiritually weak & struggling

*"The prayer of the upright is His delight . . . He hears the prayer of the righteous."*

~ Proverbs 15:8, 29 ~

## Repentance



When those gathered on the Day of Pentecost almost 2000 years ago heard the Apostle Peter preach, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ," they were "cut to the heart." Being convicted of their sin, they asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Peter's response was clear and direct: "*Repent*, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." (Acts 2:36-38).

The words *repent* and *repentance* have pretty much fallen into disuse in today's society. But the concept of repentance is of extreme importance when it comes to one's salvation. Jesus said, "'Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3, 5). The overall importance of repentance is further stressed in Acts 17:30 where the inspired writer affirms: "But now [God] commands all men everywhere to repent." These two verses reveal that, in God's plan of salvation, repentance is an essential element. In other words, if one desires to obtain salvation found in Jesus Christ, repentance is not optional.

The Greek words translated repent and repentance are defined as: to think differently [with regard to sin] (*Strong*); to change one's mind [and purpose] (*Thayer*); to turn from evil, and to turn to the good; (*Baker*). *Easton's Bible Dictionary* expounds:

"Repentance consists of (1) a true sense of one's own guilt and sinfulness; (2) an apprehension of God's mercy in Christ; (3) an actual hatred of sin and turning from it to God; and (4) a persistent endeavor after a holy life in a walking with God in the way of his commandments."

"For godly sorrow produces repentance to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death" (2 Corinthians 7:10). Sorrow for sin serves in leading one to repentance, but genuine repentance involves more than merely being sorry. In Acts 26:20, the Apostle Paul provides us with an excellent working definition of

repentance: "[ I ] declared first ... that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance." To repent then, is to make a conscious, deliberate decision to turn *from* sin, *to* God, and then confirm this decision by one's actions, through a changed behavior.

While modern man is often oblivious to the concept and fails to give it adequate thought, mankind's repentance is of great interest and immense importance to Almighty God. Scripture reminds us that it is "the goodness of God" that leads one to repentance (Romans 2:4), and that "the long-suffering of our Lord is salvation" (2 Peter 3:15). Because of His great love for the souls of men and women (John 3:16; Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:9-10), the Lord "is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

— 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 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! 😊*

## No Middle Road

We often hear people say, “We are all headed for the same place, we are just going in different ways.” In a sense this is true in that we are all headed first to the Judgment. The Bible says, “And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment” (Heb 9:27). Rom 14:10 says, “For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.” But after the Judgment we will not all end up in the same place. Jesus warns, “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it” (Mt 7:13-14). Jesus teaches that the vast majority of people will be lost and eternally punished in the fires of Hell, but only a few will go to Heaven. There are only two ways into eternity, the broad way and the narrow way. There is no middle road. The vast majority of people are not really concerned about being eternally lost. But the Bible warns us that, “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Heb 10:31). “And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever” (Rev 20:10). Therefore, let us choose the narrow road to eternal life in Heaven. — *Ron Boatwright*

### Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 4,726

This Month: 22,631



# SNACKS!

Nov 17: Cathy

Nov 24: Pat

### Attendance & Contribution

for November 10, 2024

Attendance — 19

Contribution — \$532

# Order of Worship

November 17, 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—120

Opening Prayer: *Louis Bureau*

Song—248

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*  
~ Romans 6:3-11 ~

Song—649

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

Song—255

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
“What is a Christian?”

Song—522

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 17, 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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