



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 - severe infection necessitated the amputation of her right leg above the knee; previously, her left leg was amputated to the knee; now a resident at St. Andre Health Care
- 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
- Richard Miles (Kathleen's nephew) - undergoing chemo & radiation to combat a rare sarcoma
- Wayne Sampson - femoral bypass surgery on 11/18 to bypass an 8-inch blockage in his right leg went well, but the incision is not healing properly; now undergoing an aggressive wound care regimen to promote healing/ stop infection
- Henry Terrill - radiation treatments for prostate cancer are completed; being re-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



"I have called upon Thee, for Thou wilt hear me, O God: incline Thine ear unto me and hear my speech."

(Psalm 17:6)

Hell is a Choice

(Author Unknown)

A seven-year-old boy walked up to his grandpa sitting on the porch and said, "Gramps, you have been a preacher for a long time, right?" "Yes," he replied, "a pretty long time." Well Gramps, ever since I can remember I have heard you talk about how loving and kind Jesus was to everyone and how much He loved and cared for the whole world, right?" Grandpa, pleased to know the boy had been listening said, "Yes, Jesus loved us so much He gave His life for us."

The boy replied, "Well, if Jesus and God love us so much, why did you say in your sermon today that some people will be going to hell?" Grandpa was now very impressed with his grandson.

"Sport," Grandpa said, "it is like this, you know already that you have to mind your mom and dad, right?" The boy said, "Yes sir, I do." "And when you do not do what they say you get punished right?" "Yes sir." "So, you try to do right and be good so that you don't get punished, right?" "Yes sir!" the boy replied.

"Now, do Mom and Dad love you, even though they *punish* you for doing wrong when you need it?" The boy sat quietly for a moment and said, "Gramps, if Mom and Dad didn't love me, I wouldn't get punished when I did something wrong because they wouldn't care." "That's right," says Grandpa. "Now, God is the Father of *everyone*, right?" "Yes, sir, that's what I learned in our Bible class." "And just like your mom & dad," Grampa explained, "God has a set of rules we are to follow for our own good, so we can be good." "Yes sir, those rules are in our Bibles, God gave it to us so we could learn how to be good and go to heaven."

"That's right Sport, and we get to *choose* if we are going to be bad or if we will be good, that is what we call *free will*. God lets *us* decide what we will do. Understand?" "Yes sir. But Gramps, isn't going to hell forever & ever a horrible thing?" "Yes, it is Sport, and that is why we have our Bible to teach us how to live and do what God wants us to do, so we do not go to hell. God is not sending people to hell because He wants to, but because they will not *obey* Him, kind of like Mom and Dad when you break their rules and they must punish you."

Grandpa continued, "God gives everyone a lifetime to learn His will so that they might obey Him. He loved us so much that He sent His Son to live a perfect life and to give that life for *us* on the cross even though He didn't do anything wrong. Jesus shed His blood on the cross so we could be forgiven of our sins." "Sport," Grampa asked, "do you know why we get baptized?" "Yes sir, I think so, it is so that Jesus can wash away all our sins, because God doesn't like sin." "That's right," Grandpa agreed, "and when we do not obey God, that is sin. So, if we die in sin because we did not obey God, then we will go to hell as our punishment."

"So, Gramps," the young man said thoughtfully, "you are saying God *wants* us to obey, do what the Bible says, so He doesn't have to send *anyone* to hell. But, if we end up there, it is *our* fault, because we wouldn't listen to God even though He gave us the Bible and sent Jesus to save us." "That is correct," said Grandpa. "Gramps, I have one last question." "Sure Sport, what is it?" "Why would *anyone* not want to obey God and choose to go to hell?" "Sport, that is a good question," Grandpa replied. — *submitted by Jim Miller*



"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 to have you as our honored guests!



Happy Birthday!

Terry Schmidt — December 9th
Brandon Kennedy — December 16th
Catherine Cuvellier — December 28th



Happy Anniversary!

Mike & Donna — December 28th



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: 3,773
This Month: 4,129



SNACKS!

Dec 8: Paula
Dec 15: Betty

Attendance & Contribution

for December 1, 2024

Attendance — 22
Contribution — \$617

Order of Worship

December 8, 2024

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

📖 - Colossians 3:16 - 📖

Song Leader: *Louis Bureau*

Song

Opening Prayer: *George Cuvellier*

Song

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*
~ 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20 ~

Song

The Lord’s Supper

George Cuvellier (lead) & David Larrabee

Song

Sermon: *Jim Miller*

“What is Our Hope, Glory, and Joy?”

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Jason Kennedy

Alternates: *Mike Doucette/
Wayne Sampson*

Lord’s Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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

December 8, 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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