



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Louis Bureau - underwent surgery on 4/9 to repair a damaged tendon on his left shoulder missed in a previous surgery; also requests prayers for his family
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Glenda Castleberry - recently diagnosed with liver cancer; stage & treatment not yet known
- Diane Cote - left leg amputated up to the knee as a result of diabetes; now using a temporary prosthesis and undergoing prosthetic rehab
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Derecho Family - grieving the loss of their loved one, Reyderick, who passed away recently; May God's steadfast presence and tender compassion provide strength & comfort to this family during their time of grief †
- Donna Doucette - do to severe arthritis, she will be needing replacement surgery in both knees
- Kate Ivory (niece of Robbie Andrews) - Please pray for her spiritual welfare as she studies God's word with our brother Robbie
- Terry Kennedy - being scheduled on May 16th for a much needed hip replacement surgery
- 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

"The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers."

~ 1 Peter 3:12 ~

Honoring the Holiness of God and Respecting the Authority of His Commands

Throughout the centuries, man has had the persistent propensity to try to bring God down to his level. Perhaps some remember the 1977 movie, "Oh, God!" which starred George Burns—a casually dressed, wise-cracking, "fun guy"—as God. His flippantly amusing portrayal of our heavenly Father in this movie may have been entertaining to some but, to the faithful Christian, it was blatantly disrespectful and even blasphemous.

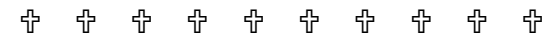
We serve a sovereign God who is almighty and is *holy*. His name is to be revered and respected at all times. *"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain"* (Ex 20:7). To take the Lord's name in vain means to use God's name in a way that is disrespectful or dishonoring. This would include using God's name as a curse word, taking a false oath, or using it as a cover for evil deeds. Most are familiar with what has come to be known as "The Lord's Prayer," which says in part, *"hallowed be thy name"* (Mt 6:9). To *hallow* means "to be consecrated, venerated and kept holy." This word is the direct *opposite* of that which is irreverent and profane.

It is not for us to bring God down to our level, nor try to make Him in "our image." After all, He is God! . . . and we are not. It would be in our best interest to acknowledge and appreciate the fact that God's thoughts and His ways are much higher than ours (Is 55:8-9). Therefore, He is always to be humbly revered and highly exalted. *"For thus saith the High and Lofy One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: 'I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones'"* (Is 57:15). As our dear sister Hannah affirmed in her humble heartfelt prayer: *"There is none holy like the Lord, for there is none besides You, nor is there any rock like our God!"* (1 Sam 2:2). Her sincere words reflect the incomparable *holiness* of Jehovah God, along with the overall strength and ample protection that only He can provide.

Honoring the holiness of God will include faithful loving obedience to His commands. As the Lord Himself taught: *"If you love Me, keep My commandments"* (Jn 14:15). And again, *"If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word" . . . "He who does not love Me does not keep My words"* (Jn 14:23-24). This kind of loving devotion is founded *upon* and grounded in a genuine respect and firm acknowledgement of God's divine *authority*. The Lord said, *"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth"* (Mt 28:18). How much authority? All! Where? In heaven and on earth! That's pretty much "all inclusive," isn't it? Totally comprehensive!

Honoring the holiness of God will result in respecting the authority of His commands. Respecting the authority of His commands will result in faithful loving obedience to those commands. This is extremely important, as failure to obey the will of God can have serious consequences and place our soul's salvation in jeopardy. As the Lord plainly taught during His earthly ministry: *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven"* (Mt 7:21). *"Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."* (Heb 13:20-21).

—Terry Schmidt ✕



😊 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! ☺

Happy Anniversary!

Jim & Pat — April 28th



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for MAY

Preaching: Terry Schmidt
Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Opening Prayer: Jim Miller

Scripture Reading: Jason Kennedy

Lord's Supper:
George Cuvellier (lead) & Mike Doucette

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Louis Bureau

Alternate: Wayne Sampson

Lord's Supper Prep: Pat Miller

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 7,212

This Month: 47,570



SNACKS!

April 28: Terry K

May 5: Kathleen

Attendance & Contribution

for April 21, 2024

Attendance — 14

Contribution — \$603

Order of Worship

April 28, 2024

*"While I live, I will praise the LORD:
I will sing praises unto my God
while I have any being."*

📖 - Psalm 146:2 - 📖

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Song—59

Opening Prayer: Jason Kennedy

Song—55

Scripture Reading: George Cuvellier
~ 1 Chronicles 15:1-3; 13-15 ~

Song—286

The Lord's Supper
Jim Miller (lead) & Louis Bureau

Song—77

Sermon: Terry Schmidt
"Why Did Uzzah Have to Die?"

Song—39

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Wayne Sampson

Lord's Supper Prep: Jan Sampson

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

April 28, 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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