



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Rodelio Baaqin & Family - working with congregations of the Lord's church in the Philippines
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- CA Fires - Please pray for those who have lost loved ones, homes & possessions and the fire fighters & rescue personnel; also the Pasadena church of Christ whose building was destroyed
- 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; treatment being evaluated
- Richard Miles (Kathleen's nephew) - undergoing chemo & radiation to combat a rare sarcoma; recently had large tumors surgically removed from his abdomen; prognosis is not favorable
- Wayne Sampson - now attending a wound clinic 3 times per week to assist in healing his incision from the 11/18 Femoral Bypass surgery
- 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
- Families of those who perished - in the mid-air collision in Washington DC on 1/30, and the plane crash in Philadelphia on 1/31; pray also for 1st responders & recovery/salvage crews
- 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

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

Eternity

The idea of eternity is a profound and puzzling concept that, not only transcends all human understanding, it defies conception and comprehension. This is largely because everything we know in this life has an end. But eternity has no end—it goes on and on, forever and ever. This is something the finite human mind cannot even begin to comprehend. For example, scientists and astronomers maintain that outer space has no end, but continues forever in every direction. This is something we cannot even remotely fathom! We respond: "It *must* have an end." But ask yourself, if there *was* a wall at the end of outer space, what then, would be on the other side of that barrier? Ouch! That makes my head hurt!

But the Bible speaks often of eternity. The inspired word describes God as eternal, emphasizing His Divine existence which transcends both time and space. In Psalm 90:2, Moses declares, "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, *even from everlasting to everlasting*, You are God." This verse highlights the timeless nature of our Creator, underscoring the idea that He exists independently of a time-based temporal realm. Unlike humans, whose lives are ever bound by the constraints of time, God's existence is infinite and perpetual. In fact, the Hebrew term for eternity signifies an indefinite or unending duration, which testifies to God's timelessness and unchanging nature (Heb 13:8; Rev 1:8, 18). The holy name, Jehovah, expressed in the *tetragrammaton* JHWH, literally means "the *eternal*, self-existing One."

God's word also teaches that our life on Earth is only temporary and serves as a preparation for an *eternal* existence. Ecclesiastes 3:11 states, "He [God] has put *eternity* in their hearts." This verse suggests that humans have an innate sense of eternity, an awareness that life extends beyond the physical realm. When we die, "the dust shall return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it" (Ecc 12:7). God's word confirms this in passages like Luke 16:19-31. Both the rich man and Lazarus died physically, but their souls lived on in eternity—one in torment (v. 23) and the other being comforted (v. 25).

When this temporal life ends, the Bible speaks of only two eternal destinations for humanity—hell or heaven (Mt 7:13-14). These destinations are not merely places, but states of being. And *where* the soul will spend eternity depends on one's relationship with God. Jesus often spoke of eternal life, promising it to those who believe in Him and obey His teachings (Jn 6:47; Jn 11:25-26; Heb 5:8-9). In John 3:16, Jesus says: "For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." This well-known verse encapsulates the Divine promise of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.

Conversely, the Bible also warns of an everlasting punishment for the disobedient—eternal separation from God in hell (Lk 12:4-5; 2 Thess 1:9). In Matthew 25:46, Jesus describes the final judgment: "These will go away into *everlasting* punishment, but the righteous into *eternal* life." This stark contrast underscores the seriousness and importance of one's choices in life, along with their eternal consequences. — **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 to have you as our honored guests! Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions or if we can help you in any way. Please fill out a visitor's card before you leave. Thank you.



David Judkins - February 17th



We will enjoy our potluck 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

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."
(1 Corinthians 2:9)

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 4,698
This Month: 1,547



SNACKS!

Feb 2: Cathy
Feb 9: Paula

Attendance & Contribution

for January 26, 2025

Attendance — 20
Contribution — \$534

Order of Worship

February 2, 2025

"What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also."

📖 - 1 Corinthians 14:15 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—457

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—432

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*
~ John 14:1-6 ~

Song—286

The Lord's Supper
George Cuvellier (lead) & *David Larrabee*

Song—444

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"There's No Place Like Your Heavenly Home!"

Song—197

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Louis Bureau

Alternates: *Mike Doucette/*
Wayne Sampson

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Paula Kennedy*

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

## February 2, 2025

### 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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