



## 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
- Henry Terrill & Family - grieving the loss of their loved one Carolyn who passed away Feb 13th
- 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

## Building Our Lives on a Solid Foundation



In Luke 6:46-49, Jesus presents a powerful metaphor that emphasizes the importance of not just hearing His words, but also putting them into practice. This passage serves as a profound reminder of the foundation upon which we build our lives and the consequences of our choices. Jesus challenges us to reflect on the authenticity of our faith and the practical application of His teachings.

The opening question, "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?" is a direct challenge to a shallow, contradictory faith. It highlights a common human tendency to profess belief without corresponding action. This rhetorical question sets the stage for the parable, emphasizing the distinction between merely listening to the Lord's words and actively implementing them in one's life. Jesus is not merely interested in religious titles or verbal affirmations — He desires a genuine relationship characterized by obedience and commitment. The distinction between hearing and doing is a central theme in the New Testament, echoing the teachings found in the Book of James, which emphasizes that faith without works is dead (James 2:14-26).

To illustrate the consequences of obedience and disobedience, Jesus employs the metaphor of two builders. The first builder represents one who hears Jesus' words and puts them into practice. This individual is likened to a man who digs deep to lay a solid foundation on rock. Building on the rock ensures that the house remains firm and steadfast, even when battered with torrents and floods. This imagery symbolizes a life grounded in obedience to God's word which is capable of enduring trials and tribulations. When storms come, the house stands firm because it is built on a strong solid foundation — *the Rock* (1 Cor 3:10-11; 10:4).

Conversely, the second builder symbolizes one who hears Jesus' words but fails to act on them. This person builds a house on the ground (sand - Mt 7:26) without *any* foundation. When the inevitable storms of life strike, the house collapses, illustrating the instability and fragility of a life not

anchored in obedience to the words of Christ. This represents one lacking spiritual depth and resilience. And it vividly illustrates the dire consequences of ignoring Jesus' teaching and failure to acknowledge Him as Lord.

This passage underscores the significance of Jesus as the cornerstone of our faith (1 Pet 2:6-7). The rock symbolizes strength, stability and reliability — qualities that are essential for enduring life's challenges. By building our lives on the teachings of Christ, we cultivate resilience and fortitude in the face of adversity. The imagery of storms serves as a reminder that trials and tribulations are a part of the human experience. We are not promised a life free from difficulties. Rather, Jesus assures us that those who build their lives on His teachings will be able to confront and withstand the difficult storms of life (Jn 16:33; Heb 13:5-6).

Jesus' teaching is a call to action, which challenges us to reflect on our own lives and consider how we can better align our actions with our faith. It is a poignant reminder of the importance of building our lives on the solid foundation of Christ's teachings. It challenges us to move beyond mere acknowledgment of Jesus as Lord, and to actively live out our faith through willing, loving obedience. In doing so, we will be preparing ourselves to withstand the storms of life, ensuring that our spiritual house will remain standing — strong, steady, and stable (1 Cor 15:58).

— 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



Tammy Wells - March 18th  
Kelly Bureau - March 26th



We will enjoy our potluck meal next Sunday after services. We hope you will stay for this special time of food, fun & fellowship! 😊

*Recently there have been quite a few bulletins left on the tables after services. The bulletins are printed for your convenience and use; especially with regard to the prayer list. It is hoped that members will take time during the week to pray for those listed who have requested our prayers.*

(Ephesians 6:18; James 5:16) ✝

### Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 7,553  
This Month: 559



## SNACKS!

March 2: Jan  
March 9: Paula

### Attendance & Contribution

for February 23, 2025

Attendance — 23  
Contribution — \$1,827

## Order of Worship

March 2, 2025

*"I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have  
my being. May my meditation be sweet  
to Him; I will be glad in the LORD."*

📖 - Psalm 104:33-34 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—59

Opening Prayer: *Louis Bureau*

Song—55

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*  
~ Luke 6:46-49 ~

Song—119

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

Song—120

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"How to Build on a Solid Foundation"

Song—336

Announcements & Closing Prayer  
*George Cuvellier*

Alternates: *David Larrabee/  
Wayne Sampson*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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

## March 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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