



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 - was recently at SMHC ER to be treated for pneumonia; wound clinic visits now complete; soon to be scheduled for a skin graft flap to completely close the healed wound
- 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
- 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

Not By Might!



Zechariah 4:6 is a profound and impactful verse, carrying a powerful message that has resonated through the ages: "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord of Hosts" (the Lord Almighty). The word "might" often has reference to military strength or physical force, while "power" can denote personal influence or authority. In a world that highly values these attributes, this declaration challenges the prevailing notion that success is achieved through sheer force or human effort.

In its context, Zechariah 4:6 is concerned with the completion of the temple in Jerusalem and the restoration of the Jewish community after 70 years in exile. The Israelites needed to be reminded that their success in rebuilding the temple and, by extension, their restoration as a nation, was not solely dependent on their own strength or resources. The Lord is making known that these things will not be achieved through human strength or political power, but through the Spirit of God. This is a divine reminder that His purposes are accomplished, not by human efforts alone, but by divine intervention and spiritual empowerment (2 Chron 32:7-8).

This verse emphasizes the utter futility of relying solely on our human abilities, and the real necessity of relying on God (Pr 28:26). This message is echoed throughout the Bible, reinforcing the idea that spiritual and moral victories are achieved through faith and reliance on God, rather than by physical force or human ingenuity (Pr 21:30-31). This teaching is a reminder of the importance of the Holy Spirit's influence in our lives. The Spirit of God encourages believers to seek guidance, strength, and empowerment through prayer and the word of God, rather than relying on our own capabilities (Pr 3:5-6). Success in any spiritual endeavor is rooted in dependence on God rather than self-sufficiency (2 Cor 3:5; Gal 5:16-18). Therefore, we must acknowledge our human limitations and trust in God's power to work through them as we labor in His service (2 Cor 12:9-10).

Zechariah 4:6 serves as a reminder that, in the face of daunting tasks and seemingly insurmountable obstacles, a determined faith in God is essential (Heb 11:6). The verse calls for a trusting reliance

on God's divine power rather than depending on mere human efforts. It calls for a genuine humility, an unwavering faith, and an honest recognition of human strength. It reassures believers that true success and fulfillment are found in aligning with the Lord's Spirit and purposes, as expressed in the word of God (Joshua 1:8). It encourages believers to look beyond their own abilities and to place their full trust in God for guidance, strength, and success (Ps 119:1-3; 105).

This message is particularly relevant for believers today, reminding us that spiritual work requires spiritual resources. God's divine guidance and support are more important than our own capabilities and resources (Ps 32:8; Is 41:10). Like Israel of old, we often need to be reminded that our efforts, though seemingly small and feeble, are part of a larger divine plan. As we face daunting challenges, whether in God's service, our personal life, or community endeavors, we can be assured that, with God's help, even the most overwhelming tasks can be accomplished (Phil 4:13). As we navigate the challenges of life, this verse remains a beacon of hope and a call to faith, reminding us that our Christian growth and spiritual victories come, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord."

— 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!



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



We will enjoy our potluck meal today 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: 5,274
This Month: 5,833



SNACKS!

March 9: Paula
March 16: Betty

Attendance & Contribution

for March 2, 2025

Attendance — 21
Contribution — \$946

Order of Worship

March 9, 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—2

Opening Prayer: *Louis Bureau*

Song—27

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*
~ Zechariah 1:2-4~

Song—287

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

Song—216

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Visions of Hope: A Call to Repentance
and Return to the Lord"

Song—49

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 9, 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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