



## 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 - soon to be scheduled for a skin graft flap to completely close the healed wound from femoral artery bypass surgery
- Hurricane Victims - prayers for those affected by the devastation brought on by these storms
- Tornado Victims - prayers for those affected by more than 100 tornadoes in 8 states; at least 43 lives lost; Cave City Church of Christ building in Arkansas was completely destroyed
- Families of those who perished - in the January plane crashes in Philadelphia /Washington DC
- 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

## The Importance of Study



"So, teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Ps 90:12). It has been said that time is a great indicator of what we give our hearts to. In comparison to all that we spend time doing during the week (much of it necessary, of course), how much time do we spend reading and studying God's word? This is an important question which demands an honest answer. Jesus emphasized the importance of God's word in our lives when he stressed that man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God (Matt 4:4). Because God's word is our spiritual food, providing needed strength and nourishment for the soul, we need to feed on it daily. And this is not optional if we want to remain strong in Christ and grow in our faith.

Scripture instructs, "Wise people store up knowledge" (Pr 10:14), and "He who walks with wise men will be wise" (Pr 13:20). We can "walk with wise men" through their writings. Many excellent books and periodicals by our brethren can be easily obtained. By reading articles either online or in brotherhood publications, we can greatly benefit from the many combined years of wisdom and experience gleaned by our faithful brothers and sisters in Christ. Through reading, we can reap the benefits of years of Bible study and a college or university education. For some of us, this may be the only way we will be able to gain this knowledge—through reading and personal study! As Mark Twain has rightly observed: "The man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read."

"Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning" (Pr 9:9). God's inspired word is "profitable for doctrine [teaching; instruction], for reproof [conviction; showing us what is wrong in our lives], for correction ["straightening up"]; restoration to a right state], for instruction in righteousness [training; disciplinary correction; teaching us how to live right]: that the man of God may be

perfect [complete], thoroughly furnished [completely equipped] unto all good works" (2 Tim 3:16-17). God's word equips us for the work He has prepared for us to do (Eph 2:10). The word of God gives us practical guidance and divine direction for living a godly life (Ps 119:105).

As Christians, we are admonished to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18) and to "let the word of Christ dwell in [us] richly in all wisdom" (Colossians 3:16). This does not just happen! In fact, it cannot and will not happen unless we make the time to read and study God's word on a regular basis. As the scriptures admonish: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth!" (2 Tim 2:15).

— 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 you have come to worship with us and 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 one of our visitor's cards before you depart.*

*Have a great week!*





Kelly Bureau - March 26th

**R**ecently there have been quite a few bulletins left on the tables after services. 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. Thank You.

(Ephesians 6:18; James 5:16) †



“Forever, O LORD, Thy word is settled in heaven.”  
- Psalm 119:89 -

Visits to Our  
Web Page

Last Week: 5,180  
This Month: 17,550



**SNACKS!**

March 23: Cathy  
March 30: Pat

### Attendance & Contribution

for March 16, 2025

Attendance — 17  
Contribution — \$709

## Order of Worship

March 23, 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—17

Opening Prayer: Louis Bureau

Song—501

Scripture Reading: Jim Miller  
~ 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17 ~

Song—46

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

Song—13

Sermon: Terry Schmidt  
“The Importance & Necessity  
of Bible Study”

Song—522

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 23, 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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