



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 - **Welcome back!** Incision from Femoral Bypass Surgery is almost completely healed; skin graft surgery no longer needed 😊
- 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 Sanctity of Life



The sanctity [sacredness] of life avows that life is inherently valuable and deserving of respect and protection. The Bible teaches that the act of creation is sacred and life is a divine gift from God. The fact that humans have been made in the image of God emphasizes the inherent dignity and worth of every individual. This being true, the protection of life is not only a fundamental right, but a moral imperative. This critical doctrine carries profound implications for how we view ourselves, others, and our responsibilities toward one another.

The foundation for the belief of the sanctity of life is established in the very first chapters of the Bible. In Genesis 1:26-27, it is written: "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness ... so God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.'" This passage teaches that human beings are created in the image of God, which bestows upon each person an intrinsic worth that is not dependent on one's abilities, status, or circumstances. The image of God in humanity signifies that life is sacred and should be treated with the utmost respect and honor.

The Bible consistently affirms the value of life. In Psalm 139:13-16, David reflects on the intimate knowledge God has of each individual: "For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them." These verses confirm the fact that life begins in the womb and that God has a purpose for each individual, even before they are born. This truth reinforces the idea that *every* life is precious and has significance.

The commandment, "You shall not murder" (Ex 20:13), reflects God's desire for the preservation of life and the prohibition of taking innocent life. It

serves as a moral foundation for valuing human life and protecting it from harm. The seriousness of this commandment is echoed in Proverbs 6:16-17, where the shedding of innocent blood is condemned. Also, our treatment of others will be guided by our understanding of the sanctity of life and our responsibility to uphold it. In Matthew 25:40, Jesus teaches: "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the *least* of these My brethren, you did it to Me." This teaching highlights the importance of serving and valuing *every* individual, particularly the weak, the vulnerable and those deemed insignificant.

From a biblical perspective, the sanctity of life is a God-ordained truth that shapes our understanding of human dignity, purpose, and responsibility. It calls us to recognize the divine image in every person, to act with compassion toward others, and to cherish and protect life—from its conception to a natural death. As believers, we are challenged to uphold these godly ideals in both words and deeds. As we reflect God's love and respect to those around us (Jn 3:16; Rom 5:8), we honor the Creator (Mt 5:16; 1 Pet 2:12), and affirm the value of *every* life. — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for APRIL

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Opening Prayer: Wayne Sampson

Scripture Reading: Louis Bureau

Lord's Supper:

Jim Miller (lead) & David Larrabee

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

Alternates: George Cuvellier/
Mike Doucette

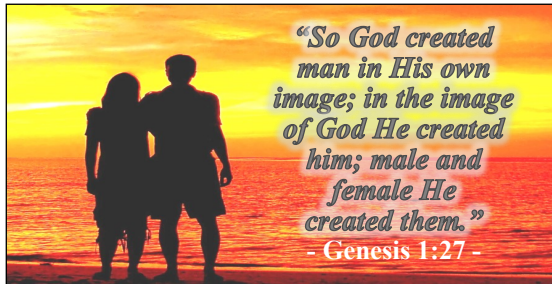
Lord's Supper Prep: Pat Miller



Justin Kennedy - April 2nd
Kathleen Judkins - April 10th



Jim & Pat — April 28th



Visits to Our
Web Page

Last Week: 3,989
This Month: 21,539



SNACKS!

March 30: Pat
April 6: Terry K

Attendance & Contribution

for March 23, 2025

Attendance — 21
Contribution — \$976

Order of Worship

March 30, 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—66

Opening Prayer: Louis Bureau

Song—521

Scripture Reading: Jim Miller
~ Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7 ~

Song—48

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

Song—668

Sermon: Terry Schmidt
"A Biblical View of Human Life"

Song—593

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 30, 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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