



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
- Kathleen Judkins - scheduled for right knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, May 14th
- 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
- 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

"Call upon Me in the day of trouble."

- Psalm 50:15 -

Let Us Reason Together



Logical objective reasoning seems to be rather scarce these days among many of our institutions of higher learning and society at large. Subjective, irrational feelings now tend to set the agenda and rule the day. My, how much we've lost!

Reasoning involves (1) "the power of the mind to think, understand and form judgments by a process of logic [strict and formal principles of validity and soundness]; (2) to accurately explain or adequately justify an action or event" (*Merriam-Webster*). To assist in making the important decisions and judgments of life, we need to appeal *to* and comply *with* a standard [a thing used as a norm, model, or measure in comparative evaluations]. For example, a ruler is the accepted standard for linear measurement. Should there be a difference of opinion as to the actual length of a recently caught fish, a ruler [the standard] will (or should) settle the issue. A calibrated scale is the accepted standard for measuring weight, and so on.

Of course, our standard in matters of faith and the spiritual realm is the word of God (Jn 17:17; Jn 16:13). As the Psalmist proclaims: "The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever ... for all Your commandments are righteousness" (Ps 119:160, 172). The Apostle Paul didn't depend on his communication skills or intellectual expertise when he reasoned with the Jews in Thessalonica. "Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures" (Acts 17:2; *also* 18:4 & 18:19). Apollos also, "an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures" ... "vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ" (Acts 18:24-28). Both Paul and Apollos appealed to the standard—the authority of God's word, as should we. God's holy, inspired word needs to be our final authority when it comes to salvation, the faith and practice of our religion, and the way we conduct ourselves and live our lives.

The answers to all man's relevant questions and the solutions to man's spiritual problems, along

with the direction he needs to live a purposeful, abundant life are to be found in God's word. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine [teaching; instruction], for reproof [conviction; persuasion; rebuke], for correction [improvement of life & character], for instruction in righteousness" [cultivation of mind & morals] (2 Tim 3:16). Verse 17 goes on to say that God's word makes man complete (without it we are incomplete), and thoroughly equips him for every good work [God's work – 1 Cor 15:58; Eph 2:10].

Therefore, "Let us reason together," saith the LORD! (Isaiah 1:18). — **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

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☺ **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!



† Happy Anniversary!

George & Cathy — May 31st

Happy Birthday!

Paula Kennedy - May 3rd

Leslie Denbow - May 5th

Jim Miller - May 9th

Louis Bureau - May 14th

Betty Schmidt - May 16th

Please note: in observance of Mother's Day next Sunday, we will be having our pot luck fellowship on Sunday, May 18th.

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 7,802

This Month: 1,386



SNACKS!

May 4: Cathy

May 11: Pat

Attendance & Contribution

for April 27, 2025

Attendance — 24

Contribution — \$855

Order of Worship

May 4, 2025

"Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory."

📖 - Revelation 19:6-7 - 📖

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Song—43

Opening Prayer: George Cuvellier

Song—51

Scripture Reading: Wayne Sampson
~ 2 Timothy 3:14-17 ~

Song—273

The Lord's Supper
Louis Bureau (lead) & Mike Doucette

Song—13

Sermon: Terry Schmidt
"All Scripture is Profitable"

Song—574

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Jim Miller

Alternates: Jason Kennedy/
David Larrabee

Lord's Supper Prep: Jan Sampson

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

May 4, 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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