



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 heart blockages; doing PT to strengthen heart
- Kathleen Judkins - R knee replacement surgery on May 14th was successful; ☺ now doing PT
- Richard Miles (Kathleen's nephew) - undergoing chemo & radiation to combat a rare sarcoma
- Terry Schmidt - experiencing intense lower back pain; cause unknown at this time; now doing PT
- 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 -

Daniel Purposed in His Heart

We can learn much from God's faithful servant Daniel, but one of the most important lessons is his firm resolve to obey God. "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore, he asked the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself" (Dan 1:8). The phrase "purposed in his heart" signifies a deliberate, conscious decision. Daniel had determined to remain faithful to God's commandments despite the pressures and temptations of his new environment. This reflects a strong sense of personal integrity and commitment to his beliefs. Daniel's resolve is grounded in a deep-seated commitment to the values founded on the word of God. This determination is crucial, especially where he faces immense pressure to conform to the prevailing customs and practices of Babylon. His firm resolve reflects a strong inner conviction that guides his actions, even in the face of possible retaliation and persecution.

By refusing the king's delicacies and wine, Daniel is declaring his identity as a faithful Jew and affirming his allegiance to God. The concept of "defilement" in this context relates to the Jewish dietary laws outlined in the Pentateuch. The lavish Babylonian diet would have been unclean according to Jewish law, and consuming it would compromise his spiritual integrity. This act of abstaining serves as a powerful statement about maintaining one's identity and values, even in a culture that accepts and promotes different standards. Daniel's tactful approach to the chief of the eunuchs is noteworthy. Instead of rebelling against the authority or making demands, he respectfully requests permission to abstain from the king's rich food. This demonstrates wisdom and diplomacy, qualities that are essential for navigating challenging situations. Daniel's respectful manner prompted the eunuch to consider his humble request, highlighting the importance of maintaining a respectful attitude even when standing firm in one's beliefs.

Daniel's resolve to not defile himself was not just a matter of personal prerogative—it was an act of faithfulness to God. This decision set the stage for

the blessings that followed. Because of their obedience, Daniel and his friends were rewarded for their faithfulness with health and wisdom (vv. 9, 17-20). This again illustrates the biblical principle that God honors those who honor Him (Pr 3:5-9; 22:4; Heb 11:6). Daniel and his friends show us that sincere devotion and unwavering faithfulness lead to God's blessings.

Daniel's unwavering resolve underscores the importance of standing firm in our convictions. In a world that often pressures us to compromise our values, Daniel's example encourages us to remain steadfast in our faith (1 Cor 15:58). It challenges us to consider how we can uphold our beliefs in the various aspects of daily life (Mt 5:16; Rom 12:21). May we "purpose in our hearts" to live according to the will of God, even in difficult situations and challenging circumstances.

— Terry Schmidt ✍



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for JUNE

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Opening Prayer: Jason Kennedy

Scripture Reading: George Cuvelier

Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson (lead) & David Larrabee

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

Louis Bureau

Alternates: Jim Miller/

Mike Doucette

Lord's Supper Prep: Terry Kennedy

☺ Welcome Visitors! ☺

We are glad to have you as our honored guests! Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions or if we can help you in any way. Please fill out a visitor's card before you leave. Thank you.



George Cuvellier - June 5th

Jan Sampson - June 11th

Georine Cuvellier - June 25th



George & Cathy — May 31st

Daniel's Admirable Qualities

Resolve: A strong determination to do something. To decide firmly on a course of action.

Determination: Firmness of purpose; a fixed purpose or intention; resolution.

Resoluteness: The quality of being strong, steady and determined. Describes someone who is firm, unwavering, and steadfast in their beliefs or actions.

Steadfastness: Firm in belief, determination, or adherence; firmly fixed in place and not subject to change; dutifully firm in faith and unwavering in purpose. 😊

SNACKS!

May 25: Paula

June 1: Jan

Attendance & Contribution
for May 18, 2025

Attendance — 16

Contribution — \$463

Order of Worship

May 25, 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—2

Opening Prayer: George Cuvellier

Song—27

Scripture Reading: Wayne Sampson
~ Daniel 1:8, 11-15 ~

Song—293

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

Song—68

Sermon: Terry Schmidt
“A Lesson from Daniel”

Song—642

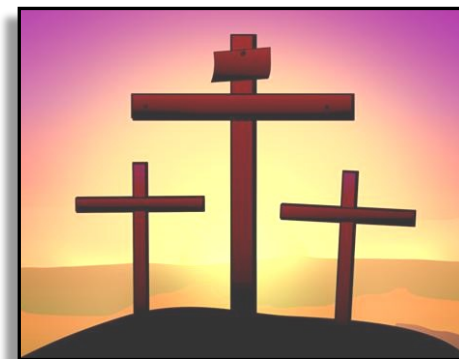
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*We love Him, because
He first loved us.*
- 1 John 4:19 -

May 25, 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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