

Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another" - James 5:16 -

- <u>Rodelio Baaqin & Family</u> 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
- <u>CA Fires</u> 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
- <u>Leslie Denbow</u> left knee needs replacement surgery; experiencing nerve pain in right foot
- <u>Filomena Derecho</u> (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- <u>Retha Flack</u> (Terry & Betty's Christian friend) 2 heart blockages; doing PT to strengthen heart
- <u>Kathleen Judkins</u> R knee replacement surgery on May 14th was successful; ⁽²⁾ now doing PT
- <u>Richard Miles</u> (Kathleen's nephew) undergoing chemo & radiation to combat a rare sarcoma
- <u>Terry Schmidt</u> experiencing intense lower back pain; an MRI has been scheduled for June 25th
- <u>Hurricane Victims</u> prayers for those affected by the devastation brought on by these storms
- <u>Tornado Victims</u> 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
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent <u>meeting place</u>
- Please pray for <u>those not with us today</u> the sick & suffering and those who are spiritually weak & struggling

"The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers."

~ 1 Peter 3:12 ~

We Are Family

"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us,

that we should be called children of God!" (1 Jn 3:1). In ages past, our loving God made His intentions known regarding the adoption of sons and daughters into His family. "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty" (2 Cor 6:18). To accomplish this, "God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons" (Gal 4:4-5).

Adoption is a formal procedure which makes the process legal, granting those adopted access to all the rights and privileges of the family. Our spiritual adoption is a divine reflection of how God welcomes us into His family. Our heavenly Father's gracious adoption of redeemed sinners is an extraordinary act of love and acceptance, where He gains legal custody and guardianship of His children. "Having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Eph 1:5-7).

This is good news which should cause us to rejoice! Because it speaks, not only of our present blessings within the family of God (Eph 1:3), but of our future inheritance. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father' [Abba is a term associated with intimacy, indicating a close relationship]. The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ" (Rom 8:14-17).

Adoption is not just a legal or social concept, but a spiritual reality that brings believers into full fellowship with God and assures us of our inheritance. Since the redeemed have been legally adopted into the family of God, because of what Jesus did on the cross (Rom 5:6-9; 1 Pet 2:24-25), you have "an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you!" (1 Pet 1:4). This promise brings to us a deep sense of peace, security, and comforting assurance as children of God.

But enjoying the privilege of our spiritual adoption also includes responsibilities and obligations on our part. We are to love the Lord our God (Mk 12:30), obey Him (Mt 7:21), and give Him first priority in our lives (Mt 6:33). We are to be about His business (Lk 2:49)—always abounding in the work of the Lord (1 Cor 4:2; Rev 2:10). Because, we are members of Christ's household "if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end" (Heb 3:6). — 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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We are glad you have come to worship with us today. 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 a visitor's card before you depart.

Have a great week! ☺



George Cuvellier - June 5th Jan Sampson - June 11th Georine Cuvellier - June 25th



We will enjoy our pot luck meal next Sunday after services. We hope you will stay for this special time of food, fun & fellowship! ©

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

- Proverbs 9:10 -

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 344 This Month: 344





June 1: Jan

June 8: Paula

Attendance & Contribution

for May 25, 2025

Attendance — 22 Contribution — \$482

Order of Worship

June 1, 2025

"Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; Sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant ."

- Psalm 135:3 -

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Song-11

Opening Prayer: Jason Kennedy

Song-656

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier* ~ Mark 3:31-35~

Song—4

The Lord's Supper Wayne Sampson (lead) & David Larrabee

Song-652

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt* "The True Family of God"

Song—39

Announcements & Closing Prayer Louis Bureau

> Alternates: Jim Miller/ Mike Doucette

Lord's Supper Prep: Terry Kennedy

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

June 1, 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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