



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; an MRI has been scheduled for June 25th
- 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
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for those not with us today — 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 ~

Darwinian Christianity?

When we "purified [our] souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit" and were "born again ... through the word of God" (1 Pet 1:22-23; Jas 1:21), we were not ushered into some type of Darwinian Christianity. We do not serve a detached and indifferent God who throws us into the harsh arena of life in order to determine the "survival of the fittest." No, our loving heavenly Father is intimately concerned for our welfare (1 Pet 5:7) and is with us each and every step of the way as we navigate through life's difficulties and confront its constant challenges.

The inspiring words, by which our LORD encouraged his faithful servant Joshua, speak to us as well. *"I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage ... be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go"* (Joshua 1:5-7). This is God's will for you! That you, by obeying His will, may be strong and very courageous in the faith and prosper wherever you go, to the glory of God. The inspired writer of Hebrews gives us the same confidence in the New Testament: *"For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you'"* (Heb 13:5).

Scripture assures us that God's word is faithful and can be trusted. *"God is not a man that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"* (Num 23:19). Our God has proven time and time again that He is completely worthy of our trust. And He has given us repeated assurance in His word that He is with us, and lovingly supports His faithful ones. *"But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one"* (2 Thess 3:3). And again, *"God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it"* (1 Cor 10:13). And finally, *"God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord"* (1 Cor 1:9).

Messages implying that God is somehow detached or indifferent to the conduct and welfare of His faithful children are not coming from God! Can you guess where they are coming from? Yes, it is *"the tempter"* (Mt 4:3), *"that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, who deceives the whole world!"* (Rev 12:9). We have not been ushered into some form of Darwinian Christianity when we *"obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered"* (Rom 6:17), but we were *"delivered from the power of darkness, and translated into the kingdom of His dear Son!"* (Col 1:13).

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us [and He has demonstrated, beyond any doubt, that He is], who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" (Rom 8:31-32). Let us be confidently assured, *"The Lord is good to those who wait for [hope & trust in] Him, to the one who seeks Him"* (Lam 3:25). — **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 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.



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



We will enjoy our potluck meal today after services. We hope you will stay for this special time of food, fun & fellowship! 😊

☞ **Courage** is the quality of mind or spirit that enables a person to face difficulty, danger, fear, or pain, with confidence and resolution. It is the choice and willingness to *confront* and *deal* with agony, uncertainty, or intimidation — instead of *withdrawing* from it. 🙌

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 7,888
This Month: 8,232



SNACKS!

June 8: Betty
June 15: Betty

Attendance & Contribution for June 1, 2025

Attendance — 31
Contribution — \$549

Order of Worship

June 8, 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—14

Opening Prayer: Jason Kennedy

Song—332

Scripture Reading: George Cuvellier
~ Joshua 1:5-9~

Song—28

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

Song—327

Sermon: Terry Schmidt
"Joshua—A Great Leader for God"

Song—49

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Louis Bureau

Alternates: Jim Miller/
Mike Doucette

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Lord's Supper Prep: Terry Kennedy

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

## June 8, 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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