



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 ~

Fatherhood



In 1997, I took a bus load of 4th grade students to Norland Farms in Livermore, Maine. This was a "living museum" which took visitors back to 1870 America. The first thing the staff did was separate the boys and the girls, giving each a name tag of a family member who had lived and worked on the farm at some point during the past 125 years. The girls were to help prepare the noon meal, while the boys would do farm chores. This would teach the children what it was like to live in rural 1870 America. Before the noon meal was served, each person was required to wash their hands in a basin of water using homemade soap. But no one washed up until the father first washed his hands and entered the dining room. At the noon meal, everyone was seated around a huge rectangular table, with the father seated at the head of the table.

From the beginning, it was clear that the father was the authority figure in the room. Each course of the meal, served by the "women-folk," was given to the father first, who would take his serving and then pass it on. This was done out of respect for the father. When everyone had been served, no one took a bite until the father had given thanks for the food and taken his first bite. This was also done to show respect for the father—the authority in the family. As the meal progressed, it was the father who began and conducted all conversation during the meal. This was an accurate representation of family life in 1870 America. My, how much we've lost over the years!

It was God, our Creator, who instituted the family and established fatherhood. He gave to fathers the responsibility, not only of providing *materially* for their family (Gen 3:17-19; 1 Tim 5:8), but of providing *spiritual* leadership in the home as well. "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart; you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up" (Dt 6:6-7). "Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training (nurture) and admonition (instruction) of the Lord" (Eph 6:4).

And our heavenly Father gave children the responsibility of respecting and honoring their parents. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor you father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth" (Eph 6:1-3). "My son, hear (listen to and obey) the instruction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother" (Pr 1:8). Children, "listen to your father who begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old" (Pr 23:22).

The result of following God's commandments will be happiness in a home which will serve as the bedrock of society. "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is His reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed" (Ps 127:3-5). When God's word is diligently taught and His instructions are carefully implemented, the home will provide a solid foundation on which to build a well-ordered society and will bring honor and glory to His name.

— 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.



Georine Cuvellier - June 25th

Happy Father's Day!

The idea of Father's Day becoming a national holiday was the result of progress made by four Presidents. Woodrow Wilson first designated November 24, 1918 as Father's Day. In 1924, Calvin Coolidge signed a resolution encouraging individual states to observe Father's Day on the third Sunday in June. In 1966, Lyndon Johnson made it official, signing an executive order formally designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a law making Father's Day a permanent national holiday.

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 8,192

This Month: 16,424



SNACKS!

June 15: Paula

June 22: Cathy

Attendance & Contribution for June 8, 2025

Attendance — 16

Contribution — \$591

Order of Worship

June 15, 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—477

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song—514

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier*
~ Luke 15:18-24 ~

Song—46

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

Song—222

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"A Father's Heart"

Song—78

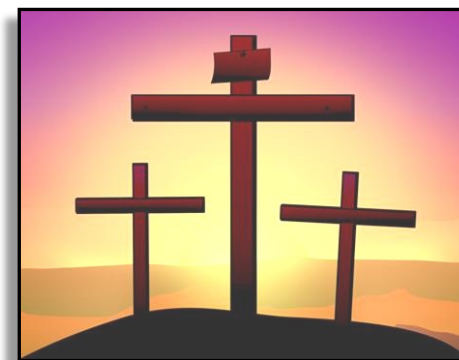
Announcements & Closing Prayer
Louis Bureau

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 15, 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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