

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
- <u>Josiah Carelse & Family</u> 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; the Pasadena church of Christ's building was also 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; had a heart attack on 6/11 during PT & now on heart meds; also diagnosed as having A-Fib (abnormal heart rhythm)
- <u>Kathleen Judkins</u> healing & recovering well after right knee replacement surgery in May; doing PT to increase strength & range of motion
- <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 tornadoes in 8 states; Cave City Church of Christ building in Arkansas was completely destroyed
- Please pray for <u>our nation</u> (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

"Pray without ceasing." — 1 Thess 5:17

God's Faithfulness to His Covenants



Throughout history, the concept of "covenant" has played a pivotal role in the relationship between God and His people. A covenant, in biblical terms, is a solemn agreement or promise made by God, accompanied by specific commitments and responsibilities from both parties. The faithfulness of God to His covenants is a central theme in Scripture, illustrating the Lord's unwavering commitment to bless His people (Gen 12:2-3; Dt 28), and His desire to have unbroken fellowship with them (1 Cor 1:9; 1 Jn 1:3).

One of the most profound aspects of God's faith-fulness to His covenants is rooted in His unchanging nature. The Bible describes God as immutable, meaning He does not change. Of Himself, the Almighty said: "I am the LORD, I change not" (Mal 3:6). This intrinsic characteristic assures us that His promises are reliable, enduring and unfailing. Our God is trustworthy! Because "God is not a man, that He should lie" (Num 23:19). And "Every word of God proves true" (Pro 30:5). When the LORD enters into a covenant, He does so with complete integrity and full commitment, regardless of human actions or failures.

And failures there were! Throughout the Old Testament, the Israelites repeatedly turned away from God, breaking their covenant with Him. "For their heart was not steadfast with Him, nor were they faithful in His covenant" (Ps 78:37). Time and time again, they broke the covenant through their deliberate disobedience. "How often they provoked Him in the wilderness, and grieved Him in the desert" (Ps 78:40). But despite their unfaithfulness, God remained faithful, sending His prophets to call them back to repentance and ultimately restore them. "Yes, many a time He turned His anger away ... for He remembered that they were but flesh" (Ps 78:38-39). This clearly demonstrates God's steadfast love for His children and firm commitment to His promises.

Many of the prophetic writings in the Old Testament point to the coming of the Messiah, who would fulfill God's covenant promises (Ps 22; Is 53). Jesus' life, crucifixion and resurrection are

indeed the ultimate fulfillment of God's salvation promises, showcasing His faithfulness across generations (Mt 1:21-23; Lk 1:26-33; Acts 2:22-36). God is in the business of meeting our *real* need—salvation through the remission of sins made possible by the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ! (Eph 1:7; Heb 9:14; 1 Jn 1:7; Rev 1:5). This cleansing is essential for the establishment of our right relationship with God, along with the restoration of true fellowship and acceptable worship.

While God is ever faithful to His covenant, the Scriptures also call His followers to faithfulness. This reciprocal relationship emphasizes the importance of trust, obedience, and allegiance to God (Pro 3:5-6; Mt 6:33; Mk 12:30). As members of the new covenant, we are commanded to "walk worthy of the calling with which [we] were called" (Eph 4:1). As we strive to "walk worthy of the Lord" (Col 1:10), we will find firm footing in the faithfulness of our steadfast God who changes not. In a world marked by chaos and uncertainty, God's unwavering faithfulness remains a source of strength, comfort and assurance for all who will trust in Him (Ps 28:7; 46:12; Is 26:3; 41:10).

— 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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Georine Cuvellier - June 25th

Seasons change ... people change ... but God never changes. Our heavenly Father assures us: "I the Lord do not change" (Mal 3:6). His love is always sure. We can rely on Him because He is faithful. You can trust the One who calls you "by our gospel" (2 Thess 2:14). He provides what we need to do His will (1 Thess 5:24; 2 Tim 3:17). He is our protector and our shield (Ps 33:20-21). He's always with you. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Heb 13:5). He never takes a break and never goes on a vacation. When we are in trouble, we can turn to Him for help, strength and comfort (Ps 46:1; 50:15). Deuteronomy 33:27 tells us, "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are His everlasting arms." Those arms long to embrace you as His child. The Lord loves us with an everlasting love (Jn 3:16; Rom 5:8), and draws us to Himself in tender lovingkindness (Jer 31:3). - Adapted from an article by David R. Ferguson

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 8,525 This Month: 24,949





June 22: Cathy June 29: Pat

Attendance & Contribution

for June 15, 2025

Attendance — 20 Contribution — \$345

Order of Worship

June 22, 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-77

Opening Prayer: Jason Kennedy

Song-527

Scripture Reading: *George Cuvellier* ~ Zechariah 14:8-9 ~

Song-179

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

Song-256

Sermon: Terry Schmidt
"God's Steadfast Commitment to His
Covenant" (A Father's Lasting Love
for His Children)

Song-100

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 22, 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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