



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Rodelio Baagin & Family - working with congregations of the Lord's church in the Philippines; a recent typhoon has caused much flooding and destruction in his area with at least 25 deaths
- Teal Baldasaro - recovering from dehydration and successful surgery to remove an intestinal obstruction; will be on a liquid diet for weeks
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- 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; had a heart attack on 6/11 during PT & now on heart meds
- Kathleen Judkins - healing & recovering well after right knee replacement surgery in May; doing PT to increase strength & range of motion
- Richard Miles (Kathleen's nephew) - undergoing chemo & radiation to combat a rare sarcoma
- Jim Miller - pulled ligaments & tendons in right shoulder causing pain & discomfort
- Terry Schmidt - recent MRI revealed nerve root compression in 2nd lumbar vertebra as primary cause for lower back pain; seeing an orthopedic specialist on August 20th
- Texas Flood Victims - prayers for those affected by the devastation brought on by these floods
- 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

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

## Feeling Like A Failure



For most of us, there are those dark periods in our lives when nothing seems to be going right and we become disillusioned and discouraged. We realize how much we fall short and are oft reminded of our many shortcomings. We may feel that we are inadequate to the task at hand and just don't measure up. Our noble goals have not been achieved and things just haven't turned out the way we planned.

Aside from situations and circumstances beyond our control, mistakes happen, errors in judgment occur, and at times we just "blow it" and really make a mess of things. At times like this, we may feel that even God does not love us. Or, at the very least, He is probably very disappointed with us and quite possibly pretty angry at us.

Peter may have wrestled with similar feelings after he had denied the Lord three times. He had done the unthinkable and, he may have thought, the unpardonable. He had done that which he had confidently sworn he would *never* do (Mt 26:31-35). He had failed in a most glaring and disappointing manner. The Lord had placed confidence in him and, at a critical moment, he had let Him down (Mt 26:69-75).

It was over. Most likely, Peter did not even consider himself to be an apostle anymore and went back to fishing. But the Lord saw to it that Peter be included in resurrection message: "He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going on before you into Galilee; there you will see Him as He said to you" (Mk 16:6-7).

The important thing for us to remember in all of this is that, although Peter may have felt that the Lord was through with him, Jesus did not give up on Peter. In fact, God used this failure to mold Peter into the great servant he would later become. Peter's prideful, self-reliant spirit was now gone, being replaced by a broken spirit of deep contrition and genuine humility. The Lord forgave Peter and he was never the same again!

Peter's story is encouraging and reminds us of just how much God loves us. Like Peter, God will never give up on us, "For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee'" (Heb 13:5). God sees us at our best. And He sees us at our worst. And—amazingly—He still loves us! (even when we really don't love ourselves all that much).

As we experience this divine *agape* love and the forgiveness that comes with it, we (like Peter) are energized and motivated to serve the Lord with wholehearted devotion. "I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart" (Psalm 40:8). No matter how disappointing our performance may be from time to time, as long as we are faithful to God and He has first place in our hearts, we will *never* be regarded as a failure (Mt 6:33; Mk 12:30). — **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 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!* 😊





Wayne Sampson — August 14th



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

*“...food which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.” — 1 Timothy 4:3*

*“The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.”  
- Psalm 34:17 -*

Visits to Our  
Web Page

Last Week: 10,953

This Month: 12,125



**SNACKS!**

August 13: Paula

August 17: Pat

### Attendance & Contribution

for August 3, 2025

Attendance — 17

Contribution — \$510

## Order of Worship

August 10, 2025

*“From the rising of the sun to its going down, the LORD’s name is to be praised!”*

📖 - Psalm 113:3 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—59

Opening Prayer: *Louis Bureau*

Song—26

Scripture Reading: *David Larrabee*  
~ Mark 16:1-7 ~

Song—297

The Lord’s Supper  
*Jason Kennedy (lead) & George Cuvellier*

Song—54

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
“Tell the Disciples—and Peter”  
(*The God of Second Chances*)

Song—596

Announcements & Closing Prayer  
*Jim Miller*

Alternates: *Wayne Sampson/  
Mike Doucette*

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Lord’s Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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

**August 10, 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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