



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Rodelio Baaqin & Family - working with congregations of the Lord's church in the Philippines
- Roy Baaqin - recovering from serious injuries sustained in a recent motorcycle accident
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Leslie Denbow - left knee replacement surgery on 12/2 was successful, now home recovering; a recent procedure has reduced pain in several discs in her lower back; requests prayers to meet life's challenges and bring glory to God
- Retha Flack (Terry & Betty's Christian friend) - 2 heart blockages; meds are working well
- Hardship - victims of severe storms in Jamaica, Philippines, India & floods in Pacific Northwest
- Jim Miller - recent surgery successfully removed skin cancer on lower lip & right sideburn area; healing well; thanks for all the prayers
- Escalating politically motivated violence and shootings - across our country
- 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



The little estimate we put on prayer is evidenced from the little time we give to it. No man can be a man of prayer who does not give much time to praying. He who is too busy to pray ... will be too busy to live a holy life. — E.M. Bounds

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

## Self-esteem



During the past 50 years or so, much has been written concerning the topic of self-esteem. Theories and philosophies abound as to how to gain self-confidence and achieve a healthy sense of self-worth. The prominent view of many secular psychologists and professional educators is that self-esteem is self-generated. But the problem with *self-esteem* is...SELF! (Rom 8:5-14; Gal 5:16-24; Eph 4:17-24)

A dictionary definition reads: "Self-esteem: confidence in one's *own* worth or abilities." While perhaps helpful to an extent, the problem with a self-generated self-esteem is—with its focus on *self*—it may lead one to be *self-centered* or *self-absorbed*. The doctrine of secular humanism states: "Man is the measure of all things." In other words, *self*, rather than God, is the ultimate source of value. Humanists boldly assert: "No deity will save us; we must save ourselves" (*Humanist Manifesto II*, 1973). This is the root of modern man's problem. He wants to do "his" thing without any assistance, authorization or condemnation from God. In short, he himself wants to be God (Gen 3:4-5).

As followers of Christ, we need to realize that our true sense of worth comes, not from ourselves, but from our heavenly Father. **First**, we are of great worth because God created us in His own image. "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them" (Gen 1:27). Unlike animals, we have the ability to think and reason – to make choices that will affect where we spend eternity (Ecc 12:13-14; 2 Cor 5:10; Heb 9:27). "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it" (Ecc 12:7).

**Second**, we are of great worth because God loved us, even when we were unlovable (Titus 3:3-7). "In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him" (1 Jn 4:9). "We love Him because He first loved us" (1 Jn 4:19). This is the love that you and I are to be grounded in, that we may "know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge" (Eph 3:19).

**Third**, we are of great worth because Christ died for us, even when we were unworthy. "For when we were still without strength [powerless, helpless, hopeless], in due time Christ died for the ungodly" [unlovable, undeserving, unworthy] (Rom 5:6). "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). Because of His great love for us, Christ "gave Himself a ransom for all" (1 Tim 2:6). He paid the penalty for our sins so we could have salvation. "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor 5:21).

So we see, self-esteem is not rooted in *self* – it is rooted in God – the God who created us in His own image, the God who loved us even when we were unlovable, the God who sent His only begotten Son to die for us, even though we were unworthy. May we never be negligent, but always diligent, to give our gracious God the praise, glory and honor He so richly deserves! (Ps 139:14).

— 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! 😊*



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



**Men's Business and Budget Planning Meeting**

**TODAY AFTER SERVICES**

We hope you are able to attend this very important working session. Your participation is needed and will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

During this time, the ladies will be meeting as well.

**Visits to Our Web Page**

Last Week: 7,569  
This Month: 10,446



***SNACKS!***

Jan 11: Paula  
Jan 18: Terry K

***Attendance & Contribution***

*for January 4, 2026*

Attendance — 25  
Contribution — \$624

**Order of Worship**

**January 11, 2026**

*“What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.”*

📖 - 1 Corinthians 14:15 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—11

Opening Prayer: *Louis Bureau*

Song—27

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*  
~ Judges 6:12-16 ~

Song—4

The Lord's Supper  
*Jason Kennedy (lead) & Jeremy Raymond*

Song—473

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
“Where is God in All of This?”

Song—522

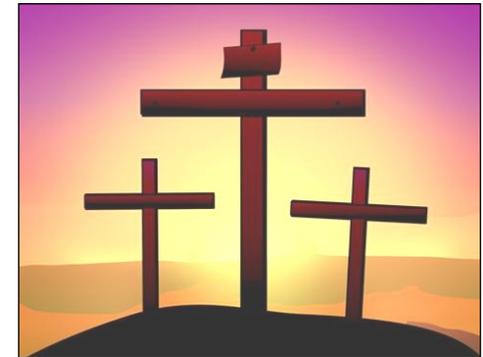
Announcements & Closing Prayer  
*Wayne Sampson*

Alternates: *George Cuvellier;*  
*Mike Doucette; David Larrabee*

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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 -

**January 11, 2026**

**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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