



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
- Raj - Evangelist serving the Lord's church in India is grieving the death of his father
- Terry Schmidt - recent ER/hospital visit revealed a diagnosis of unstable angina caused by a 20% blockage; now on medications, a modified diet, and an exercise regimen to help remedy future episodes; thanks for your prayers ☺
- Escalating politically motivated violence and shootings - across our country
- 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



Give Thanks to God...

*For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.*

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson ~

Power in the Blood



In recent years, some denominational churches have been removing references to "blood" in their hymns and services, believing these themes to be outdated or too graphic for modern worship. Many believe that references to blood may be distasteful to modern audiences, making them feel uncomfortable. Others propose that hymns focusing on blood can misrepresent the loving nature of God. Thus, it is believed that removing such references is a way to create a more welcoming environment for all worshippers. But this troubling trend raises serious concerns about the theological implications of such changes.

Hebrews 9:22 states, "And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission." This verse emphasizes the necessity of blood for the forgiveness of sins. Thus, saith the Lord, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul" (Lev 17:11). The sacrificial system established in the Old Testament laid the groundwork for understanding Christ's ultimate sacrifice.

Through His shed blood, Christ "who gave Himself a ransom for all" (1 Tim 2:6), provided redemption for humanity. Ephesians 1:7 declares, "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (*see also* Col 1:14). The blood of Jesus completely cleanses us, as affirmed in 1 John 1:7: "the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

The blood provides atonement for mankind. It takes care of our sin problem and satisfies divine justice. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation [atonement] by His blood ... that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (Rom 3:23-26). Romans 5:9 adds, "Much more then, having

now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."

It was by His shed blood that Jesus, through death, destroyed him who had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Heb 2:14). "For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil" (1 Jn 3:8). And ultimately, as the Book of Revelation reveals, the "accuser of our brethren" [*the great dragon, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world* - v. 9], was overcome by the blood of the Lamb (Rev 12:10-11).

Without the precious blood of Christ, shed on the cruel cross of Calvary for our sake—for our sin—our salvation and justification would not be possible. It was the blood of Christ that paid the price (1 Cor 6:20; Acts 20:28), ushered in the New Covenant (Mt 26:28; Mk 14:24), and provides full and complete access to God for us (Eph 2:13; 3:12; Heb 4:14-16; 9:14; 10:19-23).

— 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 next Sunday 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 **blood of Christ** represents the sacrificial death and full atoning work of Jesus on our behalf. For “without the shedding of blood there is no remission” (Hebrews 9:22). The innocent blood of our sinless Savior has the power to atone for the sins of all mankind throughout all ages (1 Timothy 2:3-6). This means all those who are covered and cleansed by His blood will be saved. That cleansing comes at the point of willing obedience to the gospel at baptism, when one’s sins are washed away by the blood of Christ (Acts 22:16; Revelation 1:5). ✝

SNACKS!

Feb 1: Betty
Feb 8: Paula

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 7,572
This Month: TBD



Order of Worship

February 1, 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—252

Opening Prayer: *Louis Bureau*

Song—197

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*
~ Hebrews 9:16-22 ~

Song—119

The Lord’s Supper

Jason Kennedy (lead) & Jeremy Raymond

Song—198

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
“The Scarlet Thread”

Song—613

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Wayne Sampson

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

Lord’s Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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

February 1, 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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