



## 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 ~

## Divine Disruptions



"Moreover, it is required in stewards that one be found faithful" (1 Cor 4:2). As responsible, maturing Christians, most of us rightly desire to be good stewards. And this would certainly include the planning and use of our time. After all, we are to be about "redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph 5:16; Col 4:5). To redeem the time means to make the very best use of this most precious commodity.

And so, we diligently plan our monthly calendars, weekly schedules and daily worklists—placing the highest priority to those things we deem most important. We do this because we want to be productive in all our pursuits and meet our responsibilities in a competent and effective manner. But what happens when we encounter the inconvenience of unexpected interruptions? Interruptions get in the way and disrupt our schedules. As such, we see these diversions as the enemy of creativity and productivity. With too much to do, and not enough time to do it, we may tend to view any interruption as an unwanted obstacle in our path which we must quickly avoid or readily dismiss.

Here, we need to pause and thoughtfully consider how the Lord regarded unexpected disruptions in His work. Jesus frequently experienced interruptions throughout his ministry, often using these moments to show compassion and perform miracles (Mark 5:21-43). Rather than viewing these disruptions as annoyances, he embraced them as opportunities to help others and fulfill God's purpose. Jesus shows us that interruptions can be opportunities to serve others and demonstrate God's love. We would do well to embrace and adopt this same outlook as we encounter interruptions and disruptions in our daily lives.

If the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) teaches us anything, it teaches that one of the highest forms of serving God is serving those in need. The Priest and the Levite, both respected religious figures, were important men with essen-

tial and pressing responsibilities to be met in service to God. And so (they no doubt reasoned), they could not sacrifice the time or the energy to deviate from their strict schedules and demanding responsibilities in order to assist this poor injured man. After all, God came first. But they totally missed it, didn't they?

Thus saith the Lord, "I desire mercy and not sacrifice" (Hosea 6:6; Mt 9:13; Mt 12:7). This signifies that God values loving-kindness & compassion toward others over religious performance or ritualistic obedience. In accepting the inconvenience of stopping to help his severely injured fellowman and seeing to his needs, the Samaritan (deeply despised by the Jews), served God in a way the Priest and Levite had disappointingly failed to do.

"A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps" (Pro 16:9). If we regard our agenda-driven plans of greater importance than unwanted interruptions, it will be difficult for the Lord to use us in these unexpected instances. But, if we view ourselves as God's vessels, "a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work" (2 Tim 2:20-21), if we see ourselves as instruments in His hands to be used as He sees fit, then we will accept—perhaps even welcome—these interruptions and disruptions as blessed opportunities to serve our fellowman, and bring honor & glory to God. — **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



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*

**Jesus' response to interruptions** is a model of grace and patience for us to follow. Jesus did not push people away and never grew irritated. He was always composed, and often chose to remain still (Psalm 46:10). He turned to God, allowing Him to work in the situation. He demonstrated that interruptions could be opportunities for divine intervention and service to others. Jesus' approach teaches us to respond with grace and patience when faced with unexpected changes and the many unwelcome disruptions in our lives. ✝

### Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 7,892  
This Month: 15,464



## SNACKS!

Feb 8: Paula  
Feb 15: Cathy

### Attendance & Contribution

for February 1, 2026

Attendance — 21

Contribution — \$1354

# Order of Worship

February 8, 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—231

Opening Prayer: *Louis Bureau*

Song—14

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*  
~ Mark 5:21-24 ... 35-36 ~

Song—33

The Lord's Supper

*Jason Kennedy (lead) & Jeremy Raymond*

Song—652

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

*“Faith in the Midst of Despair”*

Song—559

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 8, 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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