



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

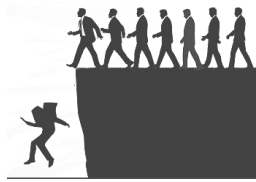
- James 5:16 -

- Rodelio Baagin & Family - working with congregations of the Lord's church in the Philippines
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Leslie Denbow - recent left knee replacement surgery was successful, now in PT & recovering well; also, a recent procedure has reduced pain in several discs in her lower back; requests our 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
- 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 ☺
- Doreen Taylor (Kathleen's sister) - recovering from a recent stroke; outlook hopeful
- 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



*In times of hardship, suffering and great distress ... the first place we should go ... and stay for a good long while ... is the throne room of God. (see Hebrews 4:14-16)*

## Chameleons & Lemmings



Chameleons are generally known for their ability to change color. This unique characteristic enables them to blend in with their surroundings, providing camouflage to protect them against predators.

Lemmings are known for their propensity to follow the crowd, sometimes even running off cliffs *en masse* to their deaths. Metaphorically, a lemming is one having no individuality. One who does not think for himself, but mimics the actions of others and parrots the popular message of the prevailing majority.

As Christians, we cannot afford to simply blend in with our surroundings. For we are "a peculiar people, that [we] should show forth the praises of Him who has called [us] out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9; *see also* Titus 2:14). We are called to be the "*salt of the earth*" and the "*light of the world*" (Matthew 5:13-16).

Our godly influence and Christian example need to be seen and should be obvious to those around us, bringing honor and glory to God. "Having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation" (1 Peter 2:12).

So, "blending in" and remaining inconspicuous is no way to let our light shine. Nor can we be content to follow the crowd and parrot the popular cultural message of the prevailing majority. We are called to "*preach the gospel*" (Mark 16:15), to "*teach all nations*" (Matthew 29:19-20), to be active and effective in *sharing our faith* (Philemon 6), to "*be ready always to give an answer*" (1 Peter 3:15), to [in humility, patiently & with gentleness] "*correct those who are in opposition*" (2 Timothy 2:24-26), and to always *speak the truth in love* (Ephesians 4:15).

Jesus said, "*Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because*

*narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it*" (Matthew 7:13-14). This biblical teaching highlights and stresses the truth, that the majority is *never* a good gauge for decision-making, nor is it a proper model for behavior. So, thus saith the Lord, "*strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able*" (Luke 13:24).

As followers of Jesus, may we live lives that are different and distinct from the world (Romans 12:2; 1 John 2:15-17), always striving to display a godly example in all we say and do (1 Corinthians 10:31). And may our daily Christian conduct be found "worthy of the gospel of Christ" (Philippians 1:27), and effectively influence those around us *for Christ!* (1 Corinthians 10:24; 2 Corinthians 5:11). — **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 and 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 one of our visitor's cards before you depart.*

*Have a great week!*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Erica Raymond — March 4th  
Jeremy Raymond — March 21st  
Kelly Bureau — March 26th



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

“What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.” - Emerson  
[ see Matthew 15:18-20 ]

## Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 10,847  
Feb Total: 39,834



## SNACKS!

Mar 1: Erica  
Mar 8: Paula

### Attendance & Contribution

for February 22, 2026

Attendance — 18  
Contribution — \$805

## Order of Worship

March 1, 2026

*“I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have  
my being. May my meditation be sweet  
to Him; I will be glad in the LORD.”*

📖 - Psalm 104:33-34 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—5

Opening Prayer: *George Cuvellier*

Song—230

Scripture Reading: *Louis Bureau*  
~ Joshua 9:22-25 ~

Song—287

The Lord’s Supper  
*Jim Miller (lead) & David Larrabee*

Song—188

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
“The Gibeonite Deception”

Song—84

Announcements & Closing Prayer  
*Jason Kennedy*

Alternates: *Wayne Sampson;*  
*Jeremy Raymond; Mike Doucette*

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Lord’s Supper Prep: *Pat Miller*

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

## March 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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