



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)

The Essence of Faith



In Acts 10:2, we read of a devout man who feared God, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. But this unlikely worshiper, who seemingly could put many professing believers to shame, was a Roman centurion. Moreover, this honorable Gentile had earned and maintained a favorable reputation among the Jews. Cornelius reveals an "honest and good heart" (Lk 8:15), one who seeks God's truth with a deep sense of humility, resulting in faithful obedience.

The word "devout" reveals one who is reverent, godly, dutiful and worshipful. The fascinating fact that Cornelius "feared God" demonstrates that he held a high regard and proper respect for Jehovah God. He rightfully (and humbly), acknowledged the Almighty as our Creator and Lord of all. His life was marked by ongoing benevolence, showing compassion on those in need through generous acts of charity. And, through prayer, this devout Roman centurion sought God's wisdom and guidance on a regular basis. This pious practice reveals a spirit of genuine humility and willing submission. His trust was in *God, not in himself.*

Cornelius believed *in* God, and he *believed* God. This is the true essence of faith. "Now faith is the substance [concrete essence; confident assurance] of things hoped for, the evidence [the proof; the conviction] of things not seen" (Heb 11:1). Verse 6 adds: "But without faith, it is impossible to please Him: for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Faith provides a solid foundation of trust in God and a comforting assurance of the truth of His promises. This firm conviction supports, and even validates, the reality of spiritual things that are beyond physical sight (2 Cor 4:18).

Cornelius' faith *in* God was rewarded *by* God. The Lord sent an angel to him with an important message saying, "Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms are remembered in the sight of God." The angel then instructed Him to send for Peter "who will tell you words by which you and

all your household will be saved" (Acts 11:14). And when Peter arrived, Cornelius, "his relatives and close friends" (Acts 10:24), were gathered together, ready and eager to hear all the things commanded by God (v. 33).

As Peter spoke, "the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word" (v. 44), revealing to everyone that "the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also" (v. 45). As a result, the apostles and brethren who were in Judea (Acts 11:1) professed that God had "also granted to the Gentiles repentance unto life" (v. 18).

The trusting faith of Cornelius resulted, not only in *his* soul's salvation, but the salvation of his *household* as well. May this inspiring example of faith, effectively challenge us to live in a manner that reflects absolute trust in God's character and promises, as we actively strive to do His will in our lives (1 Cor 15:58). — **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!

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



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

Centurions were military officers with important positions in the Roman army, commanding about 100 soldiers. They also played crucial roles in biblical events, including the death and resurrection of Christ. These leaders were known for their discipline, courage, and ability to enforce order. They are often portrayed as honorable men who were highly respected.

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 8,878
This Month: 8,878



SNACKS!

Mar 8: Paula
Mar 15: Terry K

Attendance & Contribution

for March 1, 2026

Attendance — 22

Contribution — \$948

Order of Worship

March 8, 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*
~ Acts 10:30-33 ~

Song—287

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

Song—188

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Cornelius — Sincere, but Lost"

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 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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