



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Rodelio Baaqin & 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 the day when I cried out, You answered me, and made me bold with strength in my soul"* (Psalm 138:3). When God responds to our prayers, He does not always change our circumstances. Rather, He provides inner empowerment by strengthening our souls, providing the courage and fortitude needed to endure.

## Honoring the Name of God

*"Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together."* – Psalm 34:3

Throughout the Bible, followers and worshipers of God are commanded to respect and reverence the name of the Most High. "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain" (Ex 20:7). And again, in Leviticus 19:12, "You shall not swear by My name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the LORD." And Isaiah records the Almighty declaring: "I am the LORD, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another" (Is 42:8).

These warnings exist because God's name is holy and must never be used in a frivolous or disrespectful manner. For the Christian, thoughtless, casual or profane usage of "God," "Lord," or "Jesus" must be strictly avoided. Rather, we are to "Give unto the LORD the glory due His name" (Ps 29:2). And in everything—whatever we do—we are to "do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor 10:31). When we honor God's name in this way, we gratefully and respectfully acknowledge who He is—our Creator, Redeemer, and Lord.

However, when one chooses to employ popular secular expressions like "OMG" and the like, these phrases serve to—not only dishonor God—but also diminish the character of the one saying them. All through history, speech has been regarded as a fairly accurate reflection of one's inner character. As the scriptures affirm, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Pr 23:7). And Jesus accurately observed, "Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh" (Mt 12:34). When someone uses words or expressions that are vulgar, irreverent, disrespectful and/or distasteful, they are revealing a lot about themselves and are, in effect, advertising their ignorance.

Granted, some do this rather innocently, not realizing the import of what it is they are actually saying, nor the impact it may have on their hearers. This is where the Christian, "speaking the truth in love" (Eph 4:15), can use these opportunities to teach about who God is, and the sacredness of His name. Others, no doubt, use these offensive

phrases willfully and deliberately. But again, the "servant of the Lord must not quarrel, but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth" (2 Tim 2:23-24). Although admittedly difficult, this represents another teaching opportunity to further the cause of Christ.

Honoring God's name is more than just speaking His name with reverence, as important and essential as that is. It's about how we live. Every action, word, and thought should reflect that we belong to God (Mt 5:16; 1 Pet 2:12; 1 Jn 2:4-6). When people come in contact with us, they should see Christ at work in our lives (Gal 2:20; Col 1:27). We are to honor God's name in prayer, worship, and in our conversations with others (Eph 4:29; Col 4:6). By doing so, we demonstrate our love and deep respect for our heavenly Father, and reflect His glory to those around us.

— 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.*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jeremy Raymond — March 21st

Kelly Bureau — March 26th

**Names of God** reveal His character & attributes. Each name reflects a different aspect of His nature.

**Elohim:** God as the Creator of all things (Gen 1:1).

**Jehovah or Yahweh:** "I Am" - Represents God's self-existence and eternal nature (Ex 3:14).

**El Shaddai:** "God Almighty" - Emphasizes God's ultimate power and sufficiency (Genesis 17:1).

**Adonai:** "Lord/Master" - Denotes God's authority and lordship over humanity (Gen 15:2).

**El Roi:** "The God Who Sees Me" - Highlights God's personal attention & care for us (Gen 16:13).

**Jehovah Jireh:** "The Lord Will Provide" - Shows God's provision for His people (Gen 22:14).

**El Elyon:** "The Most High God" - Signifies God's supremacy over all (Psalm 78:35).

**Abba:** "Father" - A term of endearment expressing a personal relationship with God (Rom 8:15).

## Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 10,148

This Month: 19,026



## SNACKS!

Mar 15: Terry K

Mar 22: Jan

## Attendance & Contribution

for March 8, 2026

Attendance — 23

Contribution — \$1,091

## Order of Worship

March 15, 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—59

Opening Prayer: *George Cuvellier*

Song—19

Scripture Reading: *Louis Bureau*  
~ Exodus 20:7; Leviticus 19:12 ~

Song—56

The Lord's Supper

*Jim Miller (lead) & David Larrabee*

Song—66

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"Taking the Lord's Name in Vain"

Song—644

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 15, 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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