



## 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 God's Name

"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; Dt 5:11). To "take in vain" means to lift up, utter, or pronounce in a deceitful, empty, worthless or insincere way. God's personal name, found over 6,000 times in the Old Testament, is spelled YHWH. But the concerns of this command are aptly applied to other references to God.

In Romans 2:24 when Paul refers to God's name being blasphemed, he applies the concern of the third commandment to not misuse the Name, to the word "God" (*Theos* in Greek). In Matthew 6:9, when Jesus calls God, "Father" and then prays, "Hallowed be your Name," he applies the concern of the third commandment to honor God's name, to the word "Father." So, the scope of the command covers all our references to God: "God," "Lord," "Father" and certainly also to "Jesus," "Christ" and "Spirit." Therefore, we can dishonor God's name in the following ways.

**1. Swearing falsely.** Invoking God's name in an oath and then failing to tell the truth, is misusing God's name. You've used the name to give the *appearance* of telling the truth, but it's really being used as a *cover* for a lie. Leviticus 19:12 says, "You shall not swear by My name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the Lord."

**2. Using God's name in profanity.** Adding the word "damn" to God's name in anger or saying "Jesus" and/or "Christ" in anger, is using God's name to curse others ... or just to get attention.

**3. Using God's Name to justify our ideas or actions.** This is seen in Scripture when someone claimed to speak in the name of God, but were really saying their own thoughts (Jeremiah 14:14; Ezekiel 22:28). Using God's name to justify human actions, when God has nothing at all to do with it, is taking His name in vain.

**4. Careless use of God's Name.** This is where we treat God's name as common, using it in a thoughtless, casual way. For instance, saying "God knows!" or "For God's sake" or "O My God!" or texting OMG, trivializes and disrespects God's name.

In the Bible, a name has to do with reputation and character. And how you use a person's name reflects how you view the person. When we misuse God's name we show that we have a low regard for God Himself. This is serious because we will be judged for it. As Exodus 20:7 clearly states: "The LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain." This affirms that those who misuse God's holy name will be held accountable.

But we want to be in the category of those who use God's name in an honorable and respectful way. We are to love God's Name (Ps 119:132), fear His name (Ps 102:15), praise His name (Ps 113:3), bless His name (Ps 103:1), and hallow His name (Mt 6:9). God is holy ... and so is his name. So we should always be careful to use it sincerely, thoughtfully, and reverently.

— Adapted from an article by William Higgins



**"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!

Kelly Bureau — March 26th



"The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe" (Prov 18:10).

This verse brings out the biblical truth that God's name is synonymous with His divine nature, character and attributes. When trouble abounds, our God is like an impenetrable heavily fortified tower—a place of safe refuge—offering absolute security and complete protection for those who place their trust in Him (Jer 17:7; Ps 40:4).

## Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 11,051  
This Month: 30,077



## SNACKS!

Mar 22: Jan  
Mar 29: Betty

### Attendance & Contribution

for March 15, 2026

Attendance — 26

Contribution — \$1,111

## Order of Worship

March 22, 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—11

Opening Prayer: *George Cuvellier*

Song—43

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

Song—28

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

Song—63

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"Taking the Lord's Name in Vain"

Song—100

Announcements & Closing Prayer  
*Jason Kennedy*

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

~~~~~  
Lord's Supper Prep: *Pat Miller*

## Southern Maine Church of Christ

159 Alfred Road, P.O. Box 344  
West Kennebunk, ME 04094



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

## March 22, 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 -

Phone: 207-229-4174

Email: [tls654b@twc.com](mailto:tls654b@twc.com)

Website: [www.southernmainecofc.com](http://www.southernmainecofc.com)