



## 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.

## The Power of God's Word



The Bible begins its amazing inspired narrative by stating the fact, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). And God did this by powerfully speaking things into existence. "Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light" (Genesis 1:3). We read the phrase "Then God said" eight more times in the first chapter of Genesis. "By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth" (Psalm 33:6).

"By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible" (Hebrews 11:3). "For he spoke, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast" (Psalm 33:9). These verses emphasize the creative power of God's holy word, along with His sovereign ability to operate and sustain that which He has brought into being. "All things were created by Him and for Him: and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist" [all things are set in order and held together] (Colossians 1:16-17). This profound concept is a testament to the creative power and overall authority of God's spoken word.

When God speaks, things happen. His words are not empty or powerless; they are authoritative and filled with creative energy. But the power of God's spoken word is not limited to creation. Throughout the Bible, we see that God's words have the power to sustain, guide, and redeem. "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God'" (Matthew 4:4). Jesus said, "The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63). The Psalmist taught that God's word gives guidance and direction, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). And we are redeemed, born again, "through the word of God which lives and abides forever" (1 Peter 1:23).

God's word is the vehicle through which He accomplishes His good purpose and establishes His divine will. "So shall My word be that goes forth

from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." God's word is solid truth (John 17:17), and it is firmly established for all eternity. "Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides. They continue this day according to Your ordinances, for all are Your servants" (Psalm 119:89-91).

As we reflect on the power of God's spoken word, we are reminded of the authority, sovereignty and majesty of our Creator. "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created" (Revelation 4:11). May we always reverence and honor God's holy word. And, as we "search the Scriptures daily" (Acts 17:11), may we continue to be transformed by its dynamic power (Romans 8:29; 12:1-2; Hebrews 4:12).

— Terry Schmidt ✍



## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

for **APRIL**

Preaching: Terry Schmidt  
Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Opening Prayer: Wayne Sampson  
Scripture Reading: David Larrabee  
Lord's Supper:  
Louis Bureau (lead) & Mike Doucette

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
Jim Miller

Alternates: Jason Kennedy/  
Jeremy Raymond/ George Cuvellier  
Lord's Supper Prep: Erica Raymond

☺ Welcome Visitors! ☺

*We are glad to have you as our honored guests!  
Please fill out a visitor's card before you leave.  
Thank you. Have a great week!*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Justin Kennedy - April 2nd  
Kathleen Judkins - April 10th




## Happy Anniversary!

Jim & Pat - April 28th



*The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers.*

*Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy.*  — Author Unknown

### Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 12,705  
This Month: 42,782



## SNACKS!

Mar 29: Betty  
April 5: Cathy

### Attendance & Contribution

for March 22, 2026

Attendance — 17

Contribution — \$1,456

## Order of Worship

March 29, 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—14

Opening Prayer: George Cuvellier

Song—27

Scripture Reading: Louis Bureau  
~ Psalm 33:18-22 ~

Song—48

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

Song—43

Sermon: Terry Schmidt  
"The Joy of Trusting in God"

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 29, 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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