



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

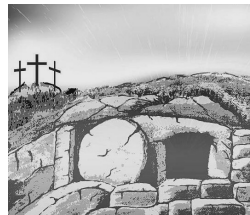
- Rodelio Baaqin & Family - working with congregations of the Lord's church in the Philippines
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Leslie Denbow - recent left knee replacement surgery was successful, now in PT & recovering well; also, a recent procedure 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



We are exercising great wisdom when we choose to make prayer a first priority, instead of a last resort.

*"Continuing instant in prayer."* (Romans 12:12)

## The Bodily Resurrection of Jesus



The concept of a bodily resurrection has been questioned and contested by many for thousands of years. The Sadducees, a religious sect who did not believe in the resurrection, challenged Jesus on this issue during His earthly ministry (Matt 22:23-32). As he reasoned with the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers in Athens, the Apostle Paul was openly ridiculed when he taught about Jesus and the resurrection from the dead (Acts 17:16-32).

But the teaching of a bodily resurrection is fully supported and boldly proclaimed in Scripture. The resurrection of Jesus was foretold by the prophets (Acts 13:32-35). Jesus himself spoke of His own resurrection as an undeniable certainty (Matt 20:17-19; 16:21; Jn 2:19-22). And the Apostles, along with many others, witnessed and confirmed the resurrection of Jesus (Acts 2:23-24; 32; 1 Cor 15:4-8). This critical evidence establishes the resurrection as an integral element of the gospel message and an essential doctrine of the Christian faith.

*"Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures"* (1 Cor 15:1-4).

The resurrection is important because it proves Christ's deity—He was God in the flesh (Matt 1:22-23; Jn 1:1-4, 10, 14). Through His resurrection, Jesus conquered death and gained the victory over Satan (Heb 2:14-15). And, when we obey the gospel, we share in this victory through baptism where we figuratively participate in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. Belief in Christ's resurrection is crucial because it secures our redemption and insures our resurrection.

*"Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore, we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection"* (Rom 6:3-5).

Ultimately, the resurrection of Jesus provides the basis for the Christian's faith and salvation. If Jesus had not been raised from the dead, the Christian would have no hope. *"For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!"* (1 Cor 15:16-17). *"But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive"* (1 Cor 15:20-22). This is the promise and power of the resurrection. This is the gospel. And this is our hope!

— 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 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!

Kathleen Judkins - April 10th

## Potluck Next Sunday!

Please plan to stay for this special time of food, fun & fellowship! 😊



*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: 10,209

This Month: 2,842



## SNACKS!

April 5: Cathy

April 12: Paula

### Attendance & Contribution

for March 29, 2026

Attendance — 23

Contribution — \$1,161

## Order of Worship

April 5, 2026

*“But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the LORD God, that I may declare all Your works.”*

📖 - Psalm 73:28 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—248

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song—154

Scripture Reading: *David Larrabee*

~ Luke 24:1-9 ~

Song—313

The Lord’s Supper

*Louis Bureau (lead) & Mike Doucette*

Song—155

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

“What Christ’s Resurrection Means”

Song—78

Announcements & Closing Prayer

*Jim Miller*

Alternates: *Jason Kennedy;*

*Jeremy Raymond; George Cuvellier*

Lord’s Supper Prep: *Erica Raymond*

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

## April 5, 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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