



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 Prophets: God Speaking to Man Through Man



The prophets of the Bible functioned primarily as God's spokesmen. They were used to reveal and proclaim God's will to the people, and warn of the consequences of disobedience. The prophet's inspired messages combined the *forthtelling* of moral and ethical instruction, as well as the *foretelling* of future events. In general, their preaching served to call God's people to faithfulness and restore them to a right relationship with Him.

Prophetic speech often addressed idolatry and other sinful behaviors, from which Israel needed to repent. Other themes would include ongoing social injustice and the failure of spiritual leaders to properly shepherd God's people. In this way, God's prophets acted as conscience-bearers for the nation as they boldly exposed the people's sin, societal injustice, and moral corruption. Through their powerful words, the prophets would frequently defend the poor, the fatherless and the widows — those helpless ones who were unable to defend themselves.

Their authority came, not from personal prerogative or natural charisma, but from a divine commission from Almighty God. Prophecy is simply and accurately defined as "inspired preaching." It was God speaking *to* man...*through* man. As the Scripture affirms, "These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Spirit teaches" (1 Cor 2:13). The Holy Spirit's role in originating inspired prophetic messages is further stressed in 2 Peter 1:20-21, "No prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation [or origin], for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved [directed] by the Holy Spirit."

The Holy Spirit inspired the prophets of old, as well as the writers of the New Testament (Jn 14:26; 15:26; 16:13-14), to provide moral and ethical instruction for God's people. We are truly blessed to have the result of their work, preserved by God in written form, in the inspired pages of our Bibles. "All Scripture is given by inspiration

[divinely breathed] of God, and is profitable for doctrine [teaching; instruction], for reproof [to convict; expose faults], for correction [to "straighten up;" restore to a right state], for instruction in righteousness [purity of life, integrity, virtue], that the man of God may be complete [fully & perfectly fitted], thoroughly equipped [lacking nothing] for every good work" (2 Tim 3:16-17).

Moses had told the Israelites, "The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst...Him you shall hear" (Dt 18:15, *also* v. 18). This verse is a prophecy pointing toward Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, who is the *ultimate* Prophet, Priest, & King. Jesus is the One through whom God has spoken His final and definitive word (Heb 1:1-3). The doctrine of Christ (2 Jn 1:9), recorded in the Books of the New Testament, provides moral and ethical instruction for us today. His words "are spirit and they are life" (Jn 6:63). And by these words, those who have rejected the Lord's teaching will be judged on the last day (Jn 12:48). — **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 Anniversary!

Jim & Pat - April 28th



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

“...food which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.” — 1 Timothy 4:3

“O LORD my God, in Thee do I put my trust ... My defense is of God, which saveth the upright in heart.” (Psalm 6:1 & 10)

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 10,823
This Month: 13,665



SNACKS!

April 12: Paula
April 19: Pat

Attendance & Contribution
for April 5, 2026
Attendance — 33
Contribution — \$1,093

Order of Worship

April 12, 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—120

Opening Prayer: Wayne Sampson

Song—393

Scripture Reading: David Larrabee
~ Mark 6:1-6 ~

Song—301

The Lord’s Supper
Louis Bureau (lead) & Mike Doucette

Song—173

Sermon: Terry Schmidt
“A Prophet Without Honor”

Song—522

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 12, 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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