



## 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
- Terry Schmidt - recently diagnosed w/ unstable angina caused by a 20% blockage; now on medications, a modified diet, & an exercise regimen to help remedy future episodes
- Doreen Taylor (Kathleen's sister) - recovering from a recent stroke; outlook hopeful
- Escalating politically motivated violence and shootings - across our country
- Military Personnel in Harms Way - those who are engaged in Operation Epic Fury & the war with Iran; also pray for their families while these service men & women are deployed
- 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 Suffering Servant — A Prophetic Portrait of Jesus



The Old Testament contains many prophesies of the promised Messiah, including detailed descriptions of His mission and the suffering He would endure. The Suffering Servant described by Isaiah is one of the most profound accounts and emotionally moving portraits in all of Scripture. The prophet introduces a Servant chosen by God, empowered by His Spirit, and destined to bring spiritual restoration—offering salvation to all mankind. Nowhere is this mission more vividly described than in Isaiah 52:13–53:12, a passage that, for centuries, has deeply touched hurting souls burdened by sin and stirred the hearts of many.

Isaiah presents the Servant as one who acts under God's authority and commission. In 42:1, the Lord declares, "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights." This Servant is not self-appointed—he is chosen and empowered by God Himself. The Servant is called to be "a light to the Gentiles" (Isaiah 49:6), signaling that God's redemptive plan extends far beyond Israel. His work is restorative, healing what sin has fractured, and reconciling humanity to God. Although God's chosen Servant "shall be exalted and extolled and be very high" (52:13), He is a figure who must first be painfully rejected, severely marred, and completely crushed.

Isaiah 52:14 notes that "His visage [appearance] was marred more than any man." The Servant's agonizing torment and physical torture is clearly visible to others and utterly shocking. He was so disfigured that He hardly looked human. The One destined for exaltation by God, must first descend into intense suffering and profound humiliation. In chapter 53, Isaiah describes the Servant's suffering, although brutal, as purposeful and redemptive. God's prophet emphasizes that His unjust suffering is willingly and lovingly endured on behalf of others to pay the penalty for their sin. "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised

for our iniquities" (53:5). His physical stripes [wounds] become the source of our spiritual healing. His soul became "an offering for sin" (10).

Led as "a lamb to the slaughter" (7), the submissive Servant willingly obeyed God's will and "poured out His soul unto death" (12), justifying many when He bore their iniquities (11). The Suffering Servant's mission was successfully completed. "He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors" (12). Transgressors. That's you. And that's me. The extent to which God the Father was willing to go in order to pay the penalty for our sins is indeed humbling. "Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him" (10). It pleased the LORD because this was the only means by which to accomplish our salvation.

Let us, therefore, be always "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God!" (Heb 12:2).

— Terry Schmidt ✍



## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

for **MAY**

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Opening Prayer: Jason Kennedy

Scripture Reading: David Larrabee

Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson (lead) & Jeremy Raymond

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

Louis Bureau

Alternates: George Cuvellier/ Jim Miller/

Mike Doucette

Lord's Supper Prep: Terry Kennedy

😊 Welcome Visitors! 😊

We are glad to have you as our honored guests!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Paula Kennedy — May 3rd  
Leslie Denbow — May 5th  
Jesse Denbow — May 7th  
Jim Miller — May 9th  
Louis Bureau — May 14th  
Betty Schmidt — May 16th

## Happy Anniversary!

Jim & Pat - April 28th  
George & Cathy - May 31st

“Love one another, as I have loved you.”  
Jesus - John 13:34

### Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 9,786  
This Month: 36,958



## SNACKS!

April 26: Terry K  
May 3: Erica:

### Attendance & Contribution for April 19, 2026

Attendance — 23  
Contribution — \$944

## Order of Worship

April 26, 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—66

Opening Prayer: Wayne Sampson

Song—222

Scripture Reading: David Larrabee  
~ 1 Corinthians 10:5-12 ~

Song—51

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

Song—501

Sermon: Terry Schmidt  
“Why Study the Old Testament?”

Song—636

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 26, 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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