



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

*Prayer serves,
not to align God's
will with yours,
but to align your
will with God's.*



Sound Doctrine



In Titus 2:1, the aged apostle Paul exhorts the young evangelist Timothy, "But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine." Doctrine is defined as a body of teaching. It is that which is taught, the instruction of precepts. The word 'sound,' in this context, is understood as teaching which is true, uncorrupted and free from any mixture of error. Paul continues in Titus 2:7, "In all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity [uncorruptness-KJV], reverence, incorruptibility."

For doctrine to remain sound, it must be carefully and continuously guarded, preserved "as written," and strictly adhered to. Additions, omissions or interpretations that would threaten to corrupt sound doctrine (Pro 30:6; Rev 22:18-19; 2 Pet 3:16) must be quickly identified and cast aside. Paul warns of things "contrary to sound doctrine" (1 Tim 2:10), and of those who do not "consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness" (1 Tim 6:3). These are "men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth," from whom we are commanded to withdraw (1 Tim 6:5).

Paul further states that "some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons" (1 Tim 4:1). Doctrines of demons? Yes, they're out there in seemingly ever-increasing numbers—sounding good, promising much, and delivering little (except a shipwrecked faith - 1 Tim 1:19). The inspired apostle also warns: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth [sound doctrine], and be turned aside unto fables [corrupt doctrine, falsehoods] (2 Tim 4:3-4).

The counter & cure for this is to "Preach the word! Be ready [instant-KJV] in season and out of season. Convince [bring both errors & truth to light], rebuke [admonish; censure; warn], exhort [call

near; invite; encourage], with all longsuffering [patience; forbearance] and teaching" [doctrine] (2 Tim 4:2). Faithfully preaching the truth will serve to "charge some that they teach no other doctrine" (1 Tim 1:3). Others will be built-up and strengthened in their faith. As Paul assured the young evangelist Timothy, "If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed" (1 Tim 4:6).

Sound doctrine always benefits the body of Christ and blesses the Lord's church with spiritual strength & stability. Paul commended the Colossian brethren, "I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ" (Col 2:6). This Christian growth and spiritual stability was the result of their being "rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as <they had> been taught [that's sound doctrine!], abounding in it with thanksgiving" (Col 2:7). Sound doctrine also blesses the church with saved souls (Acts 2:47). It blesses you! "But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness" (Rom 6:17-18). Praise God! And amen!

— 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!

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!

George & Cathy - May 31st

“Now therefore thus saith the LORD
of hosts; Consider your ways!”
(Haggai 1:5)

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 12,499
This Month: 1,764



SNACKS!

May 3: Erica
May 10: Jan

Attendance & Contribution

for April 26, 2026

Attendance — 33

Contribution — \$1,165

Order of Worship

May 3, 2026

“Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent
reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice
and give Him glory.”

📖 - Revelation 19:6-7 - 📖

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Song—190

Opening Prayer: Jason Kennedy

Song—43

Scripture Reading: David Larrabee
~ 2 John 1:1-6 ~

Song—4

The Lord's Supper

Wayne Sampson (lead) Jeremy Raymond

Song—111

Sermon: Terry Schmidt

“Walking in Truth: The Importance of
Abiding in the Doctrine of Christ”

Song—104

Announcements & Closing Prayer

Louis Bureau

Alternates: George Cuvellier;

Jim Miller; Mike Doucette

Lord's Supper Prep: Terry Kennedy

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

May 3, 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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