



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 - numerous health concerns
- Retha Flack (Terry & Betty's Christian friend) - 2 heart blockages; meds are working well
- Terry Schmidt - diagnosed w/ unstable angina; a modified diet, meds & exercise are helping
- 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
- Searsport Lumber Mill Explosion & Fire - please pray for the first responders who were injured, along with their families; pray too for the family of Andrew Cross, the 27 year old firefighter who was killed in the blaze; as well as the family of Wayne Woodbury, the 76 year old assistant fire chief who died of his injuries on June 14th; and the family of Alden J. Robbins, co-owner of Robbins Lumber who passed away on July 2nd
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray that we may 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



"I have called upon Thee, for Thou wilt hear me, O God: incline Thine ear unto me, and hear my speech." (Psalm 17:6)

Reserved in Heaven for You!



While still on the runway, the small commuter plane in which I sat was having mechanical problems, which significantly delayed our departure time. This in turn made me late for my connection with a BIG jetliner at JFK airport. I ran at full gallop to the gate (this was over 35 years ago) and made it just before the attendants closed the door. Once on the plane, I didn't need to worry about whether or not there was an empty seat available for me. Why? Because I had a *reserved* seat on that plane. In other words, that jetliner had a seat with my name on it!

The same is true of our heavenly home. Jesus said, *"In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there you may be also"* (John 14:2-3). Heaven is a prepared place. And all that we go through in this life serves to prepare us for that wonderful, blissful place—our eternal home, where souls redeemed by the blood of the Lamb *"shall reign forever and ever!"* (Revelation 22:5).

As the Scripture says: *"For our citizenship is in heaven!"* (Philippians 3:20). Those in Christ are promised *"an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you!"* (1 Peter 1:4). The Greek word translated *inheritance* carries the meaning of "eternal blessedness." The word *reserve* in the original Greek means, "to guard, keep or preserve something that brings joy or happiness" (*Vine's*).

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Revelation 21:4). While life may get pretty rough down here (John 16:33; 2 Tim 3:12), Christians are given divine assurance of their reward in heaven (John 14:1-3; 1 John 5:13) and the eternal joy that will follow (Psalm 16:11; Luke 6:22-23).

Jesus, who purchased our salvation with His own blood (Eph 1:7; 1 Pet 1:18-19), placed a high priority on the joy brought forth by our reserved inheritance. He said to His disciples, *"Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven"* (Luke 10:19-20).

Many prominent people desire to have their names included in such prestigious publications as "Who's Who in America," *et al.* As baptized believers saved by the blood of Christ, we have our names recorded in heaven—in the Lamb's Book of Life (Phil 4:3). Of all the records or places where one's name might appear, this is by far the most important! Because *"anyone not found written in the Book of Life [will be] cast into the lake of fire"* (Rev 20:15). The holy city, New Jerusalem, so beautifully described in Revelation 21 & 22, is reserved *only* for those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life (Rev 21:27).

Is your name written there? — **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!



David Larrabee - July 6th
 Tyler Kennedy - July 9th
 Roslyn Soper - July 12th
 Pat Miller - July 16th



Louis & Kelly - July 9th

Potluck Next Sunday!

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

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 9,214
 This Month: 1,076



SNACKS!

July 5: Pat
 July 12: Paula

Attendance & Contribution

for June 28, 2026

Attendance — 27
 Contribution — Not Available

Order of Worship

July 5, 2026

"O LORD, Thou art my God; I will exalt Thee, I will praise Thy name; for Thou hast done wonderful things; Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth."

📖 - Isaiah 25:1 - 📖

Song Leader: *Louis Bureau*

Song

Opening Prayer: *Louis Bureau*

Song

Scripture Reading: *David Larrabee*
 ~ Isaiah 57:15 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper
George Cuvellier (lead) Mike Doucette

Song

Sermon: *Jim Miller*
 "The Reality of Eternity"

Song

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Jason Kennedy

Alternates: *George Cuvellier;*
Wayne Sampson; Mike Doucette

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 Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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

## July 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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