

# Why God Allows Trials

**Introduction.** "Trial" is defined as "an affliction or trouble..." (RHCD). The remainder of the definition is very important: "act of testing or trying..." (Ibid.). There are mainly four Greek words translated "trial." The resident action is that of testing. One of the four (purosos) suggests refining or testing by fire (1 Pet. 4: 12).

**The purpose of trials.** Difficulties prove our faith (1 Pet. 1: 6, 7). Enduring trials produces humility and patience (2 Cor. 12: 7, 10; Rom. 5: 3). The scriptures address what the conduct of the Christian should be while enduring trials. There is to be rejoicing, praying, singing, and working (Jas. 1: 2; Acts 16: 25; 1 Pet. 4: 19).

**God's promises to those who endure trials.** Regarding Paul's thorn in the flesh he was told, "my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness..." (2 Cor. 12: 9). God also promises deliverance in time of trial for his people (Ps. 34: 7). Another promise is the crown of life. Hear Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness..." (2 Tim. 4: 7, 8).

**Trials are part of life.** Some of our problems are brought about by our sins (Prov. 13: 15). Some difficulties come as a result of doing what is right (2 Tim. 3: 12). Accompanying each "difficulty," though, God has provided a way of escape (1 Cor. 10: 13). Regarding trials James wrote, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience..." (Jas. 1: 2, 3). Even though most cringe at the thought of problems and difficulties, man needs resistance and trials to challenge and make him a better person. Without trials, man tends to be arrogant. Listen to the Psalmist: "It is good for me that I have been afflicted: that I might learn thy statutes" (Ps. 119: 71).



Reminder: Prayer Requests can be submitted via the "chat" feature on Zoom during the service.

**Songleaders - Jeremiah Darden**

Welcome & Announcements  
Opening Prayer

**Song # 414 - Anywhere with Jesus**

**Song # 711 -  
Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

Lord's Supper  
Contribution

**Kids 4 Kids  
Bible Hour**

Prayer Requests

**Song # 622 -  
Ring Out the Message**

Scripture Reading -  
Revelation 2:8-11

**Sermon by:  
Darryl Darden**

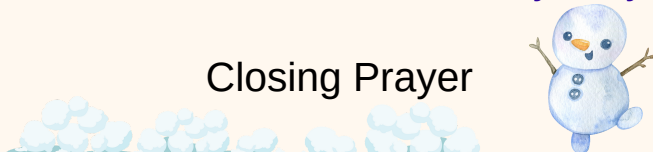
**"Troublesome  
Times are Here"**

**Song of Invitation:**

**Song # 904 -  
Have You Been to Jesus?**

**Song # 867 -  
To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way**

Closing Prayer



**This Week's**

**Schedule  
of Events**

**\*\* (In person & Zoom)**



**\*\*9:00 a.m. - Bible Class**

**9:00 a.m. - Teen Girls Class**

**\*\*10:00 a.m. -  
Sunday Worship**

**\*\*10:00 a.m. - En Linea Servicio de  
Adoracion (via Facebook Live)**

**Monday, Jan. 15, 2024**

**7:00 p.m. - Spanish Night of Prayer (Zoom)**

**Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024**

**Bible Study on Zoom**

**7:00 p.m. - Bible Study**

**"After-Life"**

**7:00 p.m. - En Linea  
Clase Biblica**

**Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024**

**4:30 p.m. - Zoom Ladies Class**

**Esther - It's Tough Being a  
Woman**

**Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024**



**Men's Meeting  
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.  
At VVCOC**



**Save the date Church Camp Out  
Feb. 16th - 18th**

Come for the  
fun & games  
stay for  
the fellowship  
& camping.  
Bring your  
RV's and  
Tents.



For more info.  
contact **Kasie Schow**  
at **760-987-1800.**

## **This Week's** *January* *Birthday's*

We're happy to announce  
Quinsee Denson birthday was last  
week on the 12th.

17th - Sue Darden  
18th - Erica Hargis  
19th - Jayla Calma  
20th - Bobby Wilson



### *Anniversaries*

18th - Strech & Lou Suba

## **Pray For Our** **Military**

Brandon Applegate;  
Matison Brown; Andre Canady;  
Zack Cantu; Danny Eickmeyer;  
Robert Farrell; Anthony Guess;  
Raymond Holguin; Jaehyeong  
Park; and Robert Rygoza.

## *Strength In Unity*



**Feb. 10, 2024**  
**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

hosted by  
**Today's Women  
Foundation.**

Join us for a compassionate  
conversation about Grief, Advance  
Directives, Wills & Trusts as we  
navigate the healing journey with  
counselors, other professionals  
and women & men who have  
lost loved ones.

The registration & location info. are  
on the flyer. Flyers are located in the  
lobby or on our Facebook page.

**Church Pot Luck**  
Bring something to  
share with your  
church family as we  
fellowship together.



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**Feb. 11th**

## *Prayer Requests*

Please pray for our church leaders; our  
congregation; the homeless, and the  
veterans. Also for our country's leaders,  
our troops; and the future of our  
country.

### **Shut-Ins**

Barbara Tidwell; Ida & Tyson Crawford;  
Mattie McCarthy; Sandy Wooten; and  
Shirley Fales.

### **Continual Prayers**

The Ahumada family; Anthony Avalos;  
Anthony Hale Jr.; Bette Henderson;  
Betty Thomas; Charlie & LaVonne  
Powell; Chris Lopez; Christina  
Wityczak; Felicia Ganaway; Francisco  
Sr. & Jr.; Gennie Lorenz; Hosia Ford;  
Marilyn Heil; Marvin Mason Jr.; Marie  
Guess; and Melanie Gammage.

### **General**

Adella Sanchez; Anthony Avalos;  
Barbara Holliday; Betty Thomas;  
Cydney Holliday; Dan & Jan Hook;  
Eva Wityczak's sister, Maria; Jerry  
Owens; Rita Greene; Trisha Cantu's  
son & family; and Vicki Brown.

### **Health**

Danielle Gardner; Kelly Henkel &  
family; the Mitchell's friend, Pinky; the  
Morris' neighbor, Devin & family; the  
Najera's nephew, Nathan & family;  
Randy & Amanda McClellan's twin  
boys; Yolonda Valmar;  
and all who are ill.

### **Traveling**

Antonia Bell; Brittany Everly; and  
Sidney Everly's friends.

### **For Their Loss**

Robin McKay & family with the loss of  
her husband Mark McKay.

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Eric Cimuchowski – Involvement Minister

Darryl Darden – Pulpit Minister

Carlos Orrala – Spanish Minister

## **Deacons**

**Benjamin Lopez** - Spanish Ministry

**Craig Beck** - Security

**TBA** - Benevolence

**TBA** - Greeters & Ushers

**Chris Schow** - Interior Bldg. Maint.

**TBA** - Men's Ministry, Disaster Relief

**Mark Gruwell** - Teens

## **Ministries & Coordinators**

### **Audio Visual/Zoom**

Jake Tess & Tim Gramling

### **AVPAC/Lucerne Valley**

Johnny Latham

### **Building Décor**

Tonja Patton

### **Calling Ministry**

Carolyn Richardson &  
Eva Wityczak

### **Call Out Ministry**

M. Basnight; E. Cimuchowski;  
T. Rose; & S. Suba

### **Song Leading, Singing**

Jeremiah Darden

### **Children's Bible Hour**

Claudia Beck &  
Ga' Briella Patton

### **Grief Support**

Strech Suba

### **Historian**

Kasie Schow

### **Kitchen**

Pauletta Hobson

### **Ladies' Ministry**

Kim Cimuchowski

### **Military**

Pauletta Hobson &  
Leisa Pond

### **Bulletin Mailouts**

Marilyn Owens

### **Worship Coordinator**

Jeff Najera

### **Savior's Kids**

Jake & Danelle Tess

### **Teacher's Workroom**

Nina Sutton

### **Youth Group**

Mark & Renee Gruwell

## **Staff**

**Bernadett Gramling** - Office Manager

**Erica Lee** - Bookkeeper

**Andrea Barahona** - Janitorial

**Billy Caldwell** - Auditorium Seating

## **Last Week's Statistics**

### **Financial**

Contribution 01/07/24 \$ 3,681.82

Contribution 12/31/23 \$ 4,706.43

Special Contributions \$ 363.52

Y.T.D. Contribution \$ 342,666.29

Teen Fund \$ 5,106.96

Mission Fund \$ 2,486.82

Scholarship Fund \$ 1,311.09

Kids 4 Kids \$ 144.00

### **Attendance**

A.M. Bible Class N/A

A.M. Worship

In Person 117

Via Zoom 20

Wed. P.M.

Bible Class N/A

Mid Week

Bible Studies N/A