

# Spirit Guided Friends Church

August 2024

"In GOD we live, move and have our being" Acts 17:28

Aug	Chair	Speaker
4	Rev. Teresa Roberts	Gabrielle Gardner
11	Rev. Sheila Vitale	Rev. Sheila Vitale
18	Rev. Teresa Roberts	Marie Friend
25	Rev. Bernie Zurn	Rev. Bernie Zurn

Sunday Services	
Healing	10:45 AM
Worship	11:00 AM
<i>Times Approximate</i>	

## Events

August 4	Barbecue	After Service - bring a dish to share
August 18	Open House Mini-Readings	12:45 - 1:30 PM \$10 for 15 minutes

## Ministerial Support *for spiritual needs & support*

Rev. Bernie Zurn | Rev. Teresa Roberts

Contact personally or... on the web

<https://www.sgf-church.org/contact-us>

Subject: Ministerial Support

*There is no charge for these services*

## Join Spirit Guided Friends

Membership is \$12 per year      About 25¢ per week

In person or on the web at

<https://www.sgf-church.org/donations>

Support the church's spiritual work

## Contact us about Board Meeting topics

on the web: <https://www.sgf-church.org/contact-us>

Select "Board Meeting Topic"

-or- Write a topic and put it in the Communication Box

## Prayer Chain *for special needs & healing*

on the web: <https://www.sgf-church.org/contact-us>

Subject: Prayer Chain -or-

Leave a message at (503) 771-8986

## August 4 – The potluck will be a barbecue!

Sign up to bring a dish. There is a paper list in the church. -or- Use the website "Contact" – Subject : Barbecue - tell us what you will bring.

[See the list on the website](#)

Events/Special Events : August Barbecue

Visit us at: <http://www.sgf-church.org/>

## Reincarnation and the Bible

There are very few statements in the Gospels that are even remotely related to reincarnation. The Empress Theodora, wife of Justinian II emperor of the Eastern Roman Empire, insisted they be removed.

Theodora had been a well-known and highly successful prostitute from an early age. Through a series of social maneuvers and alliances she came to be one of the Crown Prince Justinian's favorites. They eventually married. When Justinian became emperor in 527 AD she became empress.

In her elder years she wanted to be declared a goddess, a common practice for Roman emperors and empresses. However, with the doctrine of reincarnation, she could be reborn as any kind of person and lose her position as goddess.

Through political and religious means, she contrived to have supporters of her desire present at the 5<sup>th</sup> council of Nicaea in 582 AD. At the order of Justinian, all references to reincarnation were removed from Christian scriptures.

### Matthew 17 v.10-13

The disciples asked him [Jesus], saying, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

He answered them and said, "Elijah indeed is to come and will restore all things. But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him, but did to him whatever they wished. So also shall the Son of Man suffer at their hand." Then the disciples understood that he had spoken of John the Baptist." Also Matthew 11 v.13-14 for same reference to Elijah.

### John 3, v. 3 -8

"I tell you a truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

"How can a person be born when he is old? Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

"I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit."

"You should not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again."