



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Rodelio Baagin & 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 - left knee needs replacement surgery; experiencing nerve pain in right foot
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Retha Flack (Terry & Betty's Christian friend) - 2 heart blockages; had a heart attack on 6/11 during PT & now on heart meds; also diagnosed as having A-Fib (abnormal heart rhythm)
- Kathleen Judkins - healing & recovering well after right knee replacement surgery in May; doing PT to increase strength & range of motion
- Richard Miles (Kathleen's nephew) - undergoing chemo & radiation to combat a rare sarcoma
- Terry Schmidt - recent MRI revealed nerve root compression in 2nd lumbar vertebra as primary cause for lower back pain; seeing an orthopedic specialist on August 20th
- Texas Flood Victims - prayers for those affected by the devastation brought on by these floods, with more than 120 dead & many still missing; many have lost everything, including loved ones
- 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

"The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers."

~ 1 Peter 3:12 ~

Prudence



When Jesus sent out the Twelve on their limited commission, He cautioned: "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore, be wise as serpents and harmless as doves" (Matthew 10:16). All New Testament Christians are also cautioned: "See then that you walk circumspectly [carefully; cautiously], not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16). Both these verses highlight the need for us to maintain our spiritual vigilance and can be summed up in one word: prudence.

This word is derived from the Latin *prudens* meaning "far-sighted" or "acting with foresight." In the Hebrew, it is synonymous with discernment, meaning the ability to judge well and make sound decisions. "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge and discretion" (Proverbs 8:12). Simply and generally defined, prudence is practical wisdom promoting, through the ability of reason and thoughtful consideration, a healthy sense of caution and restraint in the management life's affairs. The word is also synonymous with common sense and is associated with exercising good, sound judgment.

This is why the wise man Solomon asserts, "Every prudent man acts with knowledge (Proverbs 13:16); "considers well his steps (14:15); "receives reproof [correction] (15:5); "acquires knowledge" (18:15); is "crowned with knowledge" (14:18) and is "wise in heart" (16:21). Of course, the knowledge and wisdom spoken of here refers to the will and the ways of God. This enables the prudent to foresee evil [danger] and hide himself [prepare and take adequate precautions], while the simple [foolish, unthinking persons] pass

on and are punished, suffering the consequences of their foolish actions (22:3; 27:12).

So, how do we obtain this most excellent quality? Prudence is equally promised to the simple and inexperienced, as well as to the wise and learned. It comes through the knowledge and wisdom found in God's word, which freely imparts the gift of prudence to those who will faithfully study its pages (Proverbs 1:1-7; 8:12-21), and diligently apply its truth to their lives (Proverbs 4:20-27; James 1:22-25). — **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

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😊 **Welcome Visitors** 😊

We are glad you have come to worship with us today. We want you to know that you are welcome. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions or if we can help you in any way. Also, please fill out a visitor's card before you depart.

Have a great week! 😊





Pat Miller — July 16th



We will enjoy our potluck meal today after services. We hope you will stay for this special time of food, fun & fellowship! 😊

Points to Ponder



"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments."
(Psalm 111:10)

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 8,019

This Month: 9,333



SNACKS!

July 13: Paula

July 20: Jan

Attendance & Contribution

for July 6, 2025

Attendance — 29

Contribution — \$665

Order of Worship

July 13, 2025

*"O LORD, You are my God. I will exalt You,
I will praise Your name, for You have
done wonderful things; Your counsels
of old are faithfulness and truth ."*

📖 - Isaiah 25:1 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—477

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—545

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*
~ Proverbs 8:1-7 ~

Song—119

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

Song—195

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"The Voice of Wisdom"

Song—84

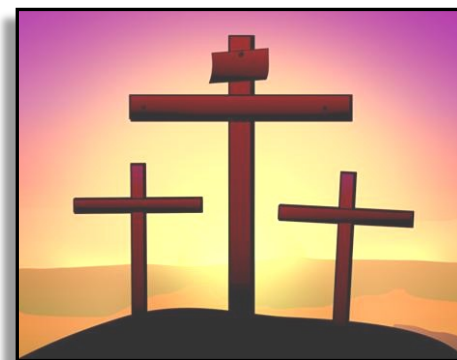
Announcements & Closing Prayer
Wayne Sampson

Alternates: *Louis Bureau/
David Larrabee*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Paula Kennedy*

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

## July 13, 2025

### 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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