



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; 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 - 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
- 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)*

Faithful at Being Unfaithful



All through the Old Testament the nation of Israel – God's chosen people through whom God would bring salvation to all mankind – repeatedly demonstrated their unfaithfulness to their God. This is especially true throughout the time of the Judges, a period of about 300 years (1400-1100 B.C.), where "everyone did what was right in his own eyes" (Jdg 21:25). Scripture affirms that "whatever things were written before, were written for our learning" (Rom 15:4). Therefore, many lessons can be learned from a serious study of the inspired Book of Judges.

Throughout the book, Israel repeats a troubling and wearisome cycle of (1) faithful obedience, (2) rebellion & sin, (3) bondage & oppression, (4) penitence & repentance, and (5) deliverance & restoration through a God appointed Judge. Because of their sin and rebellious attitude, Israel had failed to utterly destroy or drive out the Canaanites from the Promised Land (Dt 7:24; Judges 2:1-2). The wicked practices of these ungodly people unduly influenced the Israelites and they were time and again drawn away from their faithfulness to God into the sin and idolatry of their neighbors.

Israel had been consistently faithful to God under the good leadership of Joshua, who died at 110 years of age (Judges 2:7-8). But this was not the case with the next generation. They "did evil in the sight of the Lord" (v. 11), "forsook the Lord God of their fathers" (v. 12), "and served Baal and the Ashtoreths" (v. 13). This "provoked the Lord to anger" (v. 12, 14), so "He delivered them into the hands of plunderers" and "sold them into the hands of their enemies all around" (v. 14), "and they were greatly distressed" (v. 15).

Yet, even in the face of this willful disobedience and deliberate sin, "the Lord was moved to pity (compassion) by their groaning because of those who oppressed and harassed them" and "the Lord raised up judges and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies" (v. 18). This is good news!

But their faithful obedience to their gracious God did not last long. After that judge died, ungrateful Israel "reverted and behaved more corruptly than their fathers, by following other gods, to serve them and bow down to them. They did not cease from their own [evil] doings, nor from their stubborn way" (v. 19). Time after time, the Israelites violated the covenant of Jehovah God.

As Christians, we too are in a covenant relationship with God (Mt 26:28; Heb 5:9; 9:15). And we are to be faithful to Him as we live our lives in this wicked world (1 Cor 15:58; Phil 1:27; Rev 2:10). Israel allowed themselves to be unduly influenced by the godless nations among them, forsook their God and served the false gods of the Canaanites. If we love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength (Mk 12:30), and seek first His kingdom and His righteousness (Mt 6:33), we will not repeat the sad cycle of the unfaithful Israelites revealed in the Book of Judges.

— Terry Schmidt ✍



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

for JULY

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Opening Prayer: Louis Bureau

Scripture Reading: David Larrabee

Lord's Supper:

Jim Miller (lead) & Jeremy Raymond

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

Jason Kennedy

Alternates: George Cuvelier/
Wayne Sampson/ Mike Doucette

Lord's Supper Prep: Jan Sampson

😊 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

*"And it came to pass ... that they
 reverted and behaved more corruptly
 than their fathers ... they did not cease
 from their own stubborn way."
 (Judges 2:19)*

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 10,196
 This Month: 29,232



SNACKS!

June 28: Terry K
 July 5: Pat

Attendance & Contribution for June 21, 2026

Attendance — 27
 Contribution — \$739

Order of Worship

June 28, 2026

*"Praise the LORD, for the LORD
 is good; sing praises to His
 name, for it is pleasant."*

📖 - Psalm 135:3 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—190

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—209

Scripture Reading: *David Larrabee*
 ~ Judges 2:11-19 ~

Song—316

The Lord's Supper
Jason Kennedy (lead) Mike Doucette

Song—273

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"A Bible Book of Failure"

Song—257

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Wayne Sampson

Alternates: *George Cuvellier;*
Louis Bureau; Jeremy Raymond

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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 -*

**June 28, 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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