



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

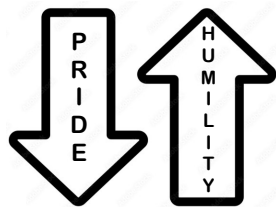
- James 5:16 -

- 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)*

## The Paradox of Pride and Humility



Benjamin Franklin, the great American statesman, inventor, and author once noted: "In reality, there is, perhaps, no one of our natural passions so hard to subdue as pride. Disguise it, struggle with it, stifle it, mortify it as much as one pleases, it is still alive and will, every now and then, peep out and show itself—for even if I could conceive that I have completely overcome it [pride], I should probably be proud of my humility."

Yes, pride is an ever-present reality and a very real danger in our lives. Pride exalts "self," placing our selfish desires and demands first—before the needs or desires of others—and often at the expense of others. It is the one sin from which all other sins emanate. And humility is that seemingly elusive, seldom acquired virtue which does not come naturally to most of us. In fact, as soon as one realizes he has obtained it he has in effect lost it!

The Scriptures admonish us not to be proud or conceited (Romans 12:3 & 16). Because "when pride comes, then comes shame [disgrace], but with the humble is wisdom" (Proverbs 11:2). The arrogant spirit of pride does not desire or accept anyone's help—not even God's! "The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts" (Psalm 10:4).

Therefore, as followers of God, we are to "be clothed with humility" (1 Peter 5:5) and humble ourselves before the Lord (James 4:10, 1 Peter 5:6). The Lord Jesus Christ set the example for us when He "made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:7-8). In all that we do, we are to strive for this same attitude of humility because, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (1 Peter 5:5). How then is this accomplished?

It is accomplished by truly submitting ourselves to God—by putting Him first in our lives, above all

else (Matthew 6:33; James 4:6-8). As John the Baptist rightly affirmed: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30). "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6). When Christ is truly exalted in our lives as Lord and Master, "self" is relegated to its rightful place as servant, pride (putting self first) is crucified, and the virtue of genuine humility is the natural and inevitable result.

The paradox in all this is that when we honestly humble ourselves, we are actually exalted by God (Luke 14:11; James 4:10). But when we choose to exalt ourselves (pride), we need to know that we will indeed be brought low and humbled by God (Luke 18:14; Proverbs 16:18). "For the LORD of hosts will have a day of reckoning against everyone who is proud and lofty, and against everyone who is lifted up [exalted], that he may be abased" [humbled] (Isaiah 2:12). "Therefore, submit to God" (James 4:7), and "humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up!" (James 4:10). — **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!*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Roslyn Soper - July 12th

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! 😊

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## Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 9,565

This Month: 10,641



## SNACKS!

July 12: Paula

July 19: Cathy

## Attendance & Contribution

for July 5, 2026

Attendance — 21

Contribution — \$545

## Order of Worship

July 12, 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: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—256

Opening Prayer: *Louis Bureau*

Song—209

Scripture Reading: *David Larrabee*  
~ 3 John 1:1-4~

Song—273

The Lord's Supper

*Jim Miller (lead) Jeremy Raymond*

Song—652

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*  
"Walking in Truth—Working in Love"

Song—261

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 12, 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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