



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
- ICE related shooting in Biddeford - please pray for all those involved in and/or affected by the regrettable incident where a 26-year-old Colombian man was shot and killed by ICE agents during an early-morning enforcement operation on Monday, July 13th
- 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
- Shali (wife of Raj, evangelist in India) - recent emergency surgery was successful; your prayers are greatly appreciated (Psalm 66:19-20)
- 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)*

A Noble King's Final Farewell



As the Book of 1st Kings begins, King David is well-advanced in years and quite frail. Soon, he will "go the way of all the earth" and rest with his ancestors. Solomon has already been chosen as the next king of Israel by a solemn promise from King David. However, David's son Adonijah is overly ambitious and decides to make himself king without David's knowledge or approval. Nathan the prophet and Bathsheba intercede on Solomon's behalf, convincing King David to act. Following David's instructions, Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet *legitimately* anoint Solomon as king over Israel, thereby dethroning Adonijah.

The second chapter of 1st Kings marks a critical and pivotal point in Israel's history. It records the transition of political power and royal authority from King David to his son Solomon. Knowing his time is short, David calls Solomon to his side to pass along his wisdom and wishes. He challenges the future king with these words: "Be strong...and prove yourself a man (v. 2). David is encouraging Solomon to rule courageously in the strength of his convictions and bear the weight of leadership responsibly, with integrity & accountability. David knew that the greatest battles Solomon would face wouldn't be those fought with swords, but those fought on the battlefield of the mind, in the moral strength of his character and convictions. This would require standing firm in his faith, even when difficult or unpopular.

David then commands Solomon: "Keep the charge of the Lord your God and walk in His ways" (v. 3). He stresses the scriptural truth that obedience to God's Word is the sure pathway to lasting success. However, no leadership will endure if it is not anchored in the spiritual foundation of God's truth. And David assures the new king that, if he faithfully keeps God's statutes and obeys His commandments, "[you will] prosper in all you do and wherever you turn" (v. 3). This is because obedience to the will of God brings about His divine favor and subsequent blessings. David is urging Solomon to live a life that is in continuous alignment with God's purposes—always in harmony with His will.

The choice, of course (as it is with you & me), belongs to Solomon.

The overall thrust and heartbeat of this passage, and the *take-away* for you & me is this: Having the courage to always stand firm in God's word and faithfully obey its teachings will result in a life that is in harmony with God's will, resulting in His rich & wonderful blessings being showered upon you. Of course, we understand that this may not be realized in the abundance of material goods. But, under the new covenant, we *are* truly blessed "with every *spiritual* blessing in the heavenly places in Christ!" (Eph 1:13). And we are assured that "God is able to make *all* grace abound toward you, that you, *always* having *all* sufficiency in *all* things, may have an *abundance* for every good work!" (2 Cor 9:8).

So, God not only strengthens us, but also *equips* us to do His work. He "is able to do exceedingly abundantly above *all* that we ask or think!" (Eph 3:20). Through Him, we are "*more* than conquerors!" (Rom 8:37). And we can do *all* things through Christ who strengthens us! (Phil 4:13). But, like Solomon, we must faithfully walk in His ways. The choice is ours. — **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!*

Throughout Scripture, David is a symbol of God's faithfulness to His promises. Despite human frailty and failure, God's covenant with David remained steadfast, illustrating the enduring nature of divine grace and mercy.

David's reign set a standard for kingship in Israel. His emphasis on worship and reliance on God became a benchmark for subsequent kings. David's reign is often noted as a golden age in Israel's history.

But David's life was not without moral failings. His adultery with Bathsheba and the subsequent murder of her husband, Uriah, are well-documented (2 Samuel 11). However, his response is equally significant. His heartfelt repentance, as expressed in Psalm 51, demonstrates a deep devotion to God & the value of fellowship.

David's life and legacy continue to inspire believers to trust in God's promises and to seek His will & favor in all things. 📖

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 13,608

This Month: 24,249



SNACKS!

July 19: Cathy

July 26: Betty

Attendance & Contribution

for July 12, 2026

Attendance — 24

Contribution — \$715

Order of Worship

July 19, 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—1A

Opening Prayer: *Louis Bureau*

Song—407

Scripture Reading: *David Larrabee*
~ 1 Kings 2:1-4~

Song—278

The Lord's Supper
Jim Miller (lead) Jeremy Raymond

Song—327

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"A King's Last Words—the Legacy of a Life Well Lived"

Song—644

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 19, 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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