



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)*

Not Baptized to Be Saved?



A while back, when listening to a well-known radio evangelist, I heard him make the following statement: "We are baptized...not to be saved...but to obey the command of God." How do you feel about this statement? Does it make sense? How does it stand up when compared to the word of God, our standard for all matters of faith and practice? Perhaps what he is actually saying can be clarified and better understood by breaking down his statement into two separate parts: (1) We are not baptized to be saved; (2) We are baptized to obey the command of God. The problem with this proposition is that one part of his sentence clearly contradicts the other!

We would wholeheartedly agree with the second part of this statement. We are baptized to obey the command of God. Jesus himself commanded us to be baptized (Matthew 28:19). And this same Jesus said: "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved (Mark 16:16). Is Jesus saying here that we are baptized to be saved? If he is not saying this, what is he saying? So, if Jesus is saying that we are baptized to be saved, how can this guy on the radio say that we are not baptized to be saved? Is he not openly contradicting what is plainly taught in Scripture?

I wonder how he would explain Peter's statement: "this water symbolizes **baptism that now saves you....**" (1 Peter 3:21). How does his statement, "We are baptized...not to be saved..." harmonize with this verse? The fact is — it doesn't! It teaches the direct opposite of what God's word teaches. And we have a major problem! This man is a popular and highly respected denominational preacher. Much of what he has to say is very good and harmonizes with the teachings of God's word. But we in the Lord's church must be careful to search the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things are so! (Acts 17:11). And when we find something that does not harmonize with the truth of God's word, we must reject it as false.

Even in Paul's day there were many who were "peddling the word of God" (2 Corinthians 2:17),

"walking in craftiness" and "handling the word of God deceitfully" (2 Corinthians 4:2). Peter speaks of "untaught and unstable people" who "twist [the scriptures] to their own destruction" (2 Peter 3:16). So, it comes as no surprise that false teaching in our day abounds! This is why the Apostle Peter issues a serious warning: "But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction" (2 Peter 2:1).

These false teachers must be confronted and challenged, because they bring others down with them. As Peter affirms: "Many will follow their destructive ways" (2 Peter 2:2). So, with God's help and by His strength, we need to steadfastly stand for what is true (1 Corinthians 15:1-2; 2 John 4), faithfully defend the gospel (Philippians 1:16; 2 Timothy 1:13-14), and "contend earnestly for the faith!" (Jude 3; 1 Timothy 6:12).

— Terry Schmidt ✍



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for AUGUST

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Opening Prayer: Wayne Sampson

Scripture Reading: David Larrabee

Lord's Supper:

Louis Bureau (lead) & Mike Doucette

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jim Miller

Alternates: George Cuvellier/
Jason Kennedy/ Jeremy Raymond

Lord's Supper Prep: Betty Schmidt

😊 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!*



Wayne Sampson - August 14th

IF BAPTISM ...

- ⇒ Makes one a disciple (Mt 28:19)
- ⇒ Renders a lost soul "saved" (Mk 16:16)
- ⇒ Brings remission of sins (Acts 2:38)
- ⇒ Washes away ones sins (Acts 22:16)
- ⇒ Puts one "into Christ" (Rom 6:3; Gal 3:27)
- ⇒ Raises one to "walk in newness of life" (Rom 6:4).
- ⇒ Unites one together with Christ (Rom 6:4-5)
- ⇒ Puts one into the "one body" (1 Cor 12:13)
... "His body, which is the church" (Col 1:24)
- ⇒ "Now saves you" (1 Pet 3:21)

THEN, WHAT IS YOUR CONDITION
WITHOUT BAPTISM?

Visits to Our
Web Page

Last Week: 17,355

This Month: 41,604



SNACKS!

July 26: Betty

August 2: Jan

Attendance & Contribution

for July 19, 2026

Attendance — 31

Contribution — \$1,021

Order of Worship

July 26, 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—522

Opening Prayer: *Louis Bureau*

Song—559

Scripture Reading: *David Larrabee*
~ Romans 6:1-6 ~

Song—286

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

Song—592

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Baptism—An Obedient Response
to the Lord's Command"

Song—593

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 26, 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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