



Prayer Requests:

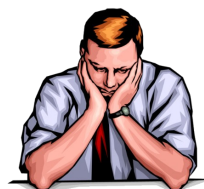
"Pray for one another"

- 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

As you continue to travel down the road of life, please don't neglect your GPS (**G**od's **P**ower **S**ervice) — "on call" 24/7 — offering the best direction and roadside assistance available. Your Creator knows you best. 😊 Call on Him at any time "toll free" — and refer to His operator's manual often! 📖

Man's Wisdom— the Wisdom of the World



Since the beginning of time, man has sought to challenge the wisdom of God with his own human wisdom. It's the creature seeking to resist, and even defy, the wisdom of his Creator. Not a good move! And it never ends well. It's the dynamic that initially brought sin into the world. God, in His wisdom, told Adam he could eat of every tree in the garden—except of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil—for if he should eat of that tree, he would surely die (Gen 2:15-17).

Eve repeated this command almost word for word when tempted by the serpent to eat of the forbidden tree (Gen 3:1-5). *But* [dangerous word!], "when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate" (v. 6). Rejecting the wisdom of God, and trusting in their own wisdom, had brought sin into the world. And it has been here ever since.

God's wisdom (Col 2:3) is acquired through the study of the Scriptures (Pr 1:2-7; Mt 7:24; Col 3:16) and through prayer (Jas 1:5-6). Man's *earthly* wisdom is limited to what he can glean from his experiences and personal observations, as well as through studying the learning and experiences of others. In other words, the wisdom of the world is devoid of divine influence. As James teaches, "This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing will be there" (Jas 3:15-16).

At times, man's "wisdom" may "have an appearance of wisdom ... but is of no value against the indulgence of the flesh" (Col 2:23). This is why "the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, 'He catches the wise in their own craftiness,' and again, 'the Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile'" (1 Cor 3:19-20). The folly of man's wisdom is plainly manifested in that the world, through its wisdom, knew not God (1 Cor 2:21), "for had they known,

they would not have crucified the Lord of glory" (1 Cor 2:6-8). When effectively applied, true wisdom—God's divine wisdom—serves to "destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent" (1 Cor 1:19). This is why you & I need to avail ourselves of God's wisdom in ever increasing measure! (Pr 4:5-7).

This acquisition begins with "the fear of the Lord" (Pr 1:7; 9:10). As the Scriptures instruct: "Incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding ... If you seek her as silver, and search for her as hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright" (Pr 2:2-6).

Unlike the wisdom of the world, this wisdom is from above and "is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield [open to reason], full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy" (Jas 3:17). It is more precious than gold or silver (Pr 16:16), "better than rubies, and all things that may be desired are not to be compared to it" (Pr 8:11). "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! (Rom 11:33). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

Baptized into Christ



We rejoice with the angels in heaven (Luke 15:7 & 10) over the July 26th baptism of:

☺ **Annie Berry** ☺

whose name is now written in the Book of Life! (Lk 10:20; Phil 4:3; Rev 21:27).

We are so proud and happy for you!
And we are pleased to welcome you
to the family of God! (Acts 2:47).

☺ **Welcome Visitors!** ☺

*We are glad to have you as our honored guests!
Please fill out a visitor's card before you leave.*



Wayne Sampson - August 14th



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

Points to Ponder



"Wisdom is a gift from God that shapes character, guides moral decisions, and aligns one's life with the Lord's will."

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 15,380

This Month: 1,749



SNACKS!

August 2: Jan

August 9: Paula

Attendance & Contribution

for July 26, 2026

Attendance — 28

Contribution — \$723

Order of Worship

August 2, 2026

"From the rising of the sun to its going down, the LORD's name is to be praised!."

📖 - Psalm 113:3 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—2

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song—63

Scripture Reading: *David Larrabee*
~ 2 Chronicles 1:7-12 ~

Song—287

The Lord's Supper
Louis Bureau (lead) *Jeremy Raymond*

Song—89

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"An Attitude God Honors & Rewards"

Song—596

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Jim Miller

Alternates: *George Cuvellier;*
Jason Kennedy; Mike Doucette

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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

## August 2, 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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