



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 this regrettable incident
- Escalating politically motivated violence and shootings - across our country
- Jose' Cruz Lopez - Bible student at Brown Trail School of Preaching in Bedford, Texas training for full-time ministry in the Lord's service
- 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
- Philippine Brethren - have experienced recent earthquakes and typhoons with heavy rains and flooding, resulting in extensive damage
- 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 Dignity of Work



The observance of Labor Day provides an excellent opportunity to reflect on the profound biblical foundation for human labor and the value that God places on meaningful work. Contrary to the opinion of some, the concept of work did not begin as a curse or punishment. In the opening chapters of Genesis, work was woven into the very fabric of creation. Before sin ever entered the world, God Himself modeled work: "Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done" (Genesis 2:1-2).

God then placed Adam in the garden with a specific purpose: "Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it" (Genesis 2:15). The Hebrew word translated "tend" (*dress* - KJV), literally means "to labor, to do work, or to serve by labor." And, by extension, the word would include the idea of tilling the land. The word translated "keep" means "to have charge of" and "attend to." So, God specifically assigned man with the task to *work* and *take care of* the garden. Work then, is presented as a divine calling—as meaningful labor having a definite God-given purpose.

We see that our Creator originated the idea of human beings being engaged in necessary and meaningful work. And he commissioned mankind to labor diligently and dutifully with their hands. So, *before* the fall, work was commissioned as a gift from God, to be regarded as a privilege. Our heavenly Father wanted mankind to have responsible stewardship of His creation. This provided man with a sense of meaning and definite purpose. The performing of necessary, meaningful labor is central and essential to man's very being.

When we go to work each day, we're not just earning a paycheck; we're being good stewards of the talents and abilities with which God has blessed us.

We're not just working for ourselves; we're providing for our families and contributing to society. And, perhaps most important, we're not just accomplishing an array of assigned tasks; we're serving (and glorifying) God. As the Scripture says: "Therefore, whatever you do, do all to the glory of God!" (1 Cor 10:31). And again, "Whatever you do, do it heartily as to the Lord and not unto men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of your inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24).

When you work with integrity and perform your duties with conscientious diligence, you are serving Christ. Your labor has true meaning and far-reaching significance. Because you are not just earning a paycheck; you are fulfilling your God-given purpose and bringing glory to His Name. "Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before unknown [ordinary] men" (Proverbs 22:29). Doing our work well reflects the values of excellence, integrity, and service. This is how work grants dignity, gives us purpose, and brings blessings into our lives. — **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!

Annie Berry - September 6th
Jason Kennedy - September 11th
Mike Doucette - September 14th
Genesis Cuvellier - September 26th



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

“Let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.”
(Ephesians 4:28)

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 9,140
This Month: 7,890



SNACKS!

Sept 6: Jan
Sept 13: Paula

Attendance & Contribution

for August 30, 2026

Attendance — 30
Contribution — \$485

Order of Worship

September 6, 2026

“Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before His presence with singing.”

📖 - Psalm 100:1-2 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—93

Opening Prayer: *Jason Kennedy*

Song—115

Scripture Reading: *David Larrabee*
~ Ecclesiastes 2:24 & 3:12-13 ~

Song—313

The Lord's Supper
Wayne Sampson (lead) & Mike Doucette

Song—114

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
“The Dignity and Purpose of Work”

Song—78

Announcements & Closing Prayer
Louis Bureau

Alternates: *George Cuvellier;*
Jim Miller; Jeremy Raymond

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Pat Miller*

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

## September 6, 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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