A Study Guide to Colossians 1:9-14 (Session 2)

First Baptist Peddie Church

- 1. Pray for wisdom and understanding that come from the Holy Spirit.
- 2. Read Colossians 1:9-14 aloud slowly several times.

3. Observe

- 1. Mark any words or phrases that stand out.
- 2. Write down any questions that arise from the text.
- 3. Verses 9-14 are complex and long-winded. Break the prayer down to smaller segments and <u>outline it</u> to gain clarity on the themes and flow of the prayer.
- 4. What do you see as the main requests in this prayer?

4. Watch the Video Lesson on YouTube

5. Interpret / Live out the Word

- 1. Why is it important to learn to pray with the Apostles of the New Testament?
- 2. What are the areas in your prayer life you would like to see grow? How would praying with the Apostles help you grow in your prayer life?
- 3. Based on the prayer of the Apostle Paul, what do you think are the most urgent prayers for the church today?
- 4. How does the knowledge of God's will (and of God) strengthen our prayer life?
- 5. "A life worthy of the Lord" (1:10) seems to be an extraordinarily high standard. What specific things do you need to pray for to be "worthy of the Lord"?
- 6. The Apostle Paul ends his prayer with a climax of joyful thanks to the Father (1:12-14). In what ways is his thanksgiving similar to and different from yours?
- 7. Based on the themes mentioned in this prayer, write your prayers in your own words (a) for yourself; and (b) for the church.

6. Memorize (use your preferred translation)

(Colossians 1:9b NIV)

... asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.