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Sunday Bible Study 9:45am Morning Worship 10:45 am Evening Worship 6:00 pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.

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We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail: an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles" by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the 20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

Wisdom from Above Seen in You

All Christians should seek to make wisdom an attribute of their lives. God will help us to be wise if we seek Him and ask Him (James 1:5). Wisdom is not a vast vocabulary, a degree from a prestigious school, or the ability to quote hundreds of verses. James shows us that wisdom can be seen practically in one's daily conduct by asking, "Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom" (James 3:13). Just as James earlier challenges one's faith to be evidenced by works (James 2:18), so here the challenge is wisdom evidenced by conduct.

While worldly wisdom puffs one up in pride (1 Cor. 1:20-31), receiving heavenly wisdom requires meekness (James 1:21). The good works that a wise Christian does are not done before men to be seen by them (Matt. 6:1-4), but rather are done in the meekness of wisdom which respects God. The wise man understands his proper position under God and does not seek the glory that belongs to the divine. Wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord (Prov. 1:7).

In contrast to heavenly wisdom is the description of selfish ambition described in the next two verses: "But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, demonic" (James 3:14, 15). We must remember it is the Lord who gives wisdom (Prov. 2:6). Paul asked the puffed-up Corinthians, "For who makes you differ *from another?* And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive *it*, why do you boast as if you had not received *it?*" (1 Cor. 4:7). To seek greater glory for oneself is to not be content with the place God has assigned. This follows the path of the angels who sinned and are reserved in everlasting chains under darkness (Jude 6). Selfish ambition is devilish. To be envious of another's place or success has led to all sorts of sins throughout history. The first murder occurred because Cain despised the fact that his brother's works were righteous while his own were evil (1 Jn. 3:12). That the chief priests delivered Jesus to be crucified because of envy was so obvious that even Pilate could see it (Mt. 27:18; Mk. 15:10).

"Thus says the LORD: 'Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty *man* glory in his might, Nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I *am* the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,' says the LORD." (Jer. 9:23, 24). Heavenly wisdom produces the greatest quality of life. Consider the fruit of the Spirit and those you have known whose lives prove they have been thoroughly influenced by God's instruction (Gal. 5:22, 23). In contrast to the strife that comes from people with mixed motives and hidden personal agendas, the wisdom from heaven results in purity of heart and peace among the people of God. "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace" (James 3:17, 18). Does your conduct show you are wise in the way God has set forth in James 3:13-18?

-Mark Day

News & Notes

Scripture Reading:

Noah Day

1 Corinthians 14:33-37

33- For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

34- Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says.

35- And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church.

36- Or did the word of God come originally from you? Or was it you only that it reached?

37- If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord.

Dates To Remember

<u>Jul 11</u> – Ladies Book Study group – 6:30pannex large classroom

<u>Jul 16</u>— Elders, deacons, preacher meeting 4:30p— annex large classroom

<u>Jul 22</u> VBS 10:00a 2:00p (one-day only)

<u>Jul 28</u>— Ladies Luncheon— El Colonial— 11:30a

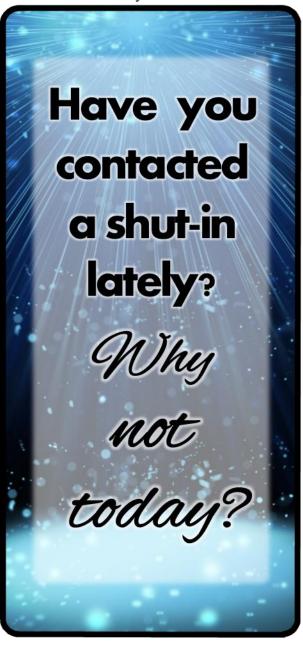
Sep 15-17 - Evangelism seminar with Allen Webster

Oct 13-15 — Gospel Meeting w/ Michael Mayo

	07/02/23	Goal	07/03/22
Bible Study	75	90	68
AM Worship	111	130	109
PM Worship	58	90	76
Mid Week	62	90	76
Contribution:	\$6915.02	\$6000.00	\$7626.00

Ladies Book Study Group

This group will meet Tuesday, July 11, at 6:30pm in the annex large classroom. All ladies are invited. You can bring snacks to share. See Alissa Day for details.



🔊 Today's Servants 🗷

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Nathan Adkins

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: George Wallace PM: Davis Brown

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Greg Conley
Assisting: Chris Scott,
JC Hughes, Mark Parks,
Jason Fouts, Mason Morris,
Terry Fouts, Dan Stone

Presiding PM: Jordan Conley
Assisting: David Morckel
*gluten-free bread

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Chris Legg
PM: Mason Morris

SCRIPTURE READING:

PM: Noah Day

> Wednesday Servants &

WELCOME: Greg Conley **SONG LEADER:** Mark Day **PRAYER:** JC Hughes

DEVOTION: Ranie Wohnhas

№ Weekly Servants

LIVE STREAM: Jackson Morris **POWER POINT:** Jesse Legg **BLDG. ATT.:** JC Hughes

COORDINATOR: Matt Vonderheide **ATTENDANCE:** John Gambill

**** Youth Notes ****

**** Sundays **** Pew Packers 5:45pm

in front of the auditoriumgeared to age 12 & under but everyone is welcome

**** Saturday, July 22 **** Vacation Bible School

10am to 2pm

Classes for all ages. Invite your friends.



Welcome, Visitor!

We are so pleased to have you as our guest today.

If you are a first-time visitor with us, please, fill out a 'visitor card' that you will find on the back of the pew. You may put it in the collection plate or give it to one of the men at the auditorium doors as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the foyer with free tracts and literature. We also have Bible correspondence courses you can sign up to receive by mail at no cost to you. Let our preacher know if you would like to set up an in-home Bible study. Thank you for attending.