"Wisdom Calls to All: Turn At My Reproof!" Proverbs 1:20-33

"And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption..." (1 Corinthians 1:30). "In (Christ) are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." (Colossians 2:3)

"But now He commands all people everywhere **to repent**." (Acts 17:30b). "(All men) should **repent and turn to God**, performing deeds **in keeping with their repentance**." (Acts 26:20b)

- Wisdom Speaks:
 - <u>Creation:</u> "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.
 Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge." (Psalm 19:1-2)
 - <u>Conscience:</u> "They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them." (Romans 2:15)
 - Revelation: "Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son." (Hebrews 1:1-2a)
- The Love Affair With Sin:
 - "How long will you love being simple?"...."How long will you delight in your scoffing?"...."How long will you hate my knowledge?"
 - "Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good." (Romans 12:9b)
 - "Seek good, and not evil, that you may live...." (Amos 5:14a)
- The Rejection of the Gift and Grace of Wisdom:
 - "You refused to listen"...."No one has heeded"...."You ignored all my counsel"...."You would have none of my reproof."
 - "Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, 'Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness." (Hebrews 3:7-8)
 - "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn back from his way and live....for why will you die. O house of Israel?" (Ezekiel 33:11)
- The Consequence of the Rejection of Wisdom:
 - o "I will laugh"...."I will mock"...."I will not answer"...."You will not find me."
 - "And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire." (Revelation 20:15)
- The Security of Turning To Wisdom:
 - "But whoever listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of disaster."
 - "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Announcements:

- **★DONATIONS:** Each October, we, as a church body, collect monetary donations for the Senior Pastor in recognition of Pastor Appreciation Month. Please see the October Newsletter for more information about this!
- ★HARVEST PARTY/CHILI COOK-OFF: Our Harvest Party is THIS Saturday, October 18th, at 5pm, here at the church! This will be an evening of fun for the whole family! There will be games and activities for the kids and a Chili Cook-Off for the adults! There are TWO sign-up lists on the table in the Entryway. One is to sign-up to participate in the Chili Cook-Off, the other one is to sign-up to bring a food item for dinner at the Harvest Party. Please make sure to sign-up today!
- ★MEN'S BREAKFAST: Men, the Monthly Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, October 25th, at 7am, at the Big Apple Café Log Pond location. If you plan on attending, please let Pastor Zach know (740)618-0739.
- ★VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Children's Ministry is in need of <u>FOUR</u> volunteers! If you are a Church Member and are interested in or have questions about serving in the Children's Ministry, please see Katie Sapp.
- ★ MEMBERS' MEETING: We will be having a Members' Meeting on Sunday, October 26th, immediately following the worship service. At this meeting we will have a time of discussion for the proposed By-Law addition, as well as presenting the 2026 Church Budget. We will not be voting at this meeting, voting on these items will take place at the November Members' Meeting. This is an important meeting, if you are a Church Member, we encourage you to please mark your calendars and plan on staying for this meeting. This is an open meeting, meaning that even if you are not a Church Member, you are welcome to sit in as an observer for the meeting.
- ★LEGACY PRACTICUM: Legacy Practicum's next course will be "(Soteriology) Salvation and the Christian Life" and begins on October 27th, from 6:00-9:00pm each Monday evening in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a nine week course studying all of what God did and what we did to receive Salvation from God through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. For more information about this course, please see the October Newsletter. If you are interested in participating in this course, please let Elder Richard know so that he can prepare a syllabus for you!
- ★FRIENDSGIVING: Our Annual Friendsgiving Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, November 15th, at 5:30pm, here at the church! Please mark your calendars to save the date and plan on joining us for this great time of food and fellowship!