

"The Passionate Pursuit of Wisdom"
Proverbs 2:1-12

"Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with their whole heart." (Psalm 119:2). "Deal bountifully with Your servant, that I may live and keep Your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Your law." (Psalm 119:17-18). "Oh how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day." (Psalm 119:97)

"Worldly ambition has a strong fascination for us. The spell of materialism is very hard to break." (John Stott)

God makes a show of our wealth spiritually by the holiness and humility in our lives, especially seen by those closest to us. We try to make a show of our worldly wealth by getting bigger and better, more extravagant. Especially to be seen by those farthest from us. – Luke 12:15-21

When we treasure something, we value it highly, we cherish it, it is highly desirable to us. Our passions follow our investments. Where we invest our time and money and energy, it is there we find our hearts, our loves, and our passions. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

- The condition of our heart, the Spirit of God, the grace of God, and our passionate pursuit are the realities that contribute to finding God's wisdom.
 - "For wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul." (Proverbs 2:10)
 - "Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given to us by God." (1 Corinthians 2:12; cf. Proverbs 1:23)
 - "Blessed are you Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 16:17b)
- The Importance of "Treasuring":
 - "Treasure up my commandments with you....If you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures...."
 - We must value God's wisdom properly for us to be captivated by it. We are captivated by or drawn to what is valuable to us.
- The Generosity of God:
 - "For the LORD gives wisdom....He stores up sound wisdom...He is a shield...."
- The Hard Work of Wisdom:
 - "Make your ear attentive....Incline your heart....Call out and raise your voice....Seek and search...."
- The Transformation of Wisdom:
 - "For wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul."
 - "Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path."

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! ***NEXT Thursday is the LAST day for this collection!***

★**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, the Monthly Men's Breakfast is ***THIS*** 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.

★**MEMBERS' MEETING:** We will be having a Members' Meeting ***THIS*** 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 ***NEXT*** Monday, 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!

★**NEW MEMBERS' CLASS:** If you are interested in becoming a Church Member or have any questions about Church Membership, this announcement is for you! We will be having a New Members' Class on Sunday, November 16th, ***and*** Sunday, November 23rd, at 9am, in the Pre-K room. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign-up if you are interested in participating! For questions, please see Pastor Zach.