

"The Power of Wise and Foolish Community"
Proverbs 1:8-19

"Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance." (Proverbs 1:5)

"My son, do not walk in the way with them; hold back your foot from their paths, for their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed blood." (Proverbs 1:15-16; cf. Proverbs 2:10-15)

*"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; **but his delight** is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night." (Psalm 1:1-2; cf. Deuteronomy 6:4-6). "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25)*

- Wise Community: *"My son, do not walk in the way with them..."*
 - Men will persuade us to be passive about sin.
 - Men will persuade us to participate in sin.
 - Men will persuade us to repent of our sin.
 - Men will persuade us to live a holy life.
- Proverbs 1:8-19:
 - *"Graceful garland" and "pendants" are another way of saying "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 13:14) or to "let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works." (Matthew 5:16)*
 - Holiness adorns our lives with beauty (Titus 2:10; 1 Peter 3:4).
 - Sinners *"love being simple, they delight in their scoffing, and they hate knowledge." (Proverbs 1:22)*
 - Everyone is searching for treasure (Proverbs 1:13; Proverbs 2:4-5). We search with the compass of covetousness or we search with the compass of God's wisdom. (Proverbs 1:19)
 - *"But godliness with contentment is great gain....For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs." (1 Timothy 6:6,10)*
 - *"Such are the paths of all who forget God; the hope of the godless shall perish." (Job 8:13)*
 - There is *"fleeting pleasures of sin" (Hebrews 11:25)* but in the end is death. There is temporal loss in holiness but in the end is life.
 - *"Turn away from evil (do not be enticed) and do good; seek peace and pursue it." (Psalm 34:14)*
 - *"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." (Proverbs 16:25)*
- We never outgrow our need for submission to man and need of one another:
 - *"Children, **obey your parents** in the Lord, for this is right." (Ephesians 6:1). "Bondservants, **obey your earthly masters** with fear and trembling, as you would Christ." (Ephesians 6:5). "Let every person **be subject to the governing authorities.**" (Romans 13:1). "**Obey your leaders** and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls." (Hebrews 13:17)*
 - *"If one member suffers, **all suffer together**; if one member is honored, **all rejoice together.**" (1 Corinthians 12:26). "When **each part is working properly**, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love." (Ephesians 4:16b). "As each has received a gift, use it to **serve one another.**" (1 Peter 4:10a)*

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!

★**BAPTISM SERVICE:** Our next Baptism Service is THIS Sunday, October 12th. If you are interested in being baptized or having any questions about baptisms, please see Pastor Jeremey, Pastor Zach, Elder Richard, Elder Jake, or Elder Mike.

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer is THIS Sunday, October 12th, from 5:30-7pm. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full time of prayer.

★**HARVEST PARTY/CHILI COOK-OFF:** Mark your calendars and plan on attending our upcoming Harvest Party on Saturday, October 18th, starting 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!

★ ★ **CANDY COLLECTION:** We are doing a candy collection to help supply candy for this event. Please bring in individually wrapped, snack-sized bags of candy and put the candy in the tote at the back of the sanctuary. ***THIS***

Sunday is the LAST day for this collection!

★**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 ***FOUR*** 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 attending this meeting. This is an open meeting, meaning that even if you are not a Church Member, you are allowed 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!