

"The Pursuit of Christian Excellence"
Proverbs 31:10-31

*"Biblically, **excellence** is living, working, speaking and thinking in a way that glorifies God. It is living with a wholehearted devotion to the Lord."*

- The marks of Christian excellence: *"An excellent wife (Christian) who can find? She is far more precious than jewels."* (Proverbs 31:10)
 - **She counts others more significant than herself:**
 - *"She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life."* (Proverbs 31:12); *"She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy."* (Proverbs 31:20)
 - **She has an amazing work ethic:**
 - *"She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens."* (Proverbs 31:15); *"She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness."* (Proverbs 31:27; Proverbs 31:13,16)
 - **She is wise; she is a person of sound judgment:**
 - *"The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain."* (Proverbs 31:11); *"She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."* (Proverbs 31:26)
 - **She is strong in the Lord:**
 - *"She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong."* (Proverbs 31:17); *"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come."* (Proverbs 31:25)
 - **She is an excellent steward:**
 - *"She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night."* (Proverbs 31:18); *"She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant."* (Proverbs 31:24; cf. Proverbs 31:19)
 - **She fears the Lord and nothing else:**
 - *"She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet."* (Proverbs 31:21); *"She laughs at the time to come...but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised."* (Proverbs 31:25b,30b)
 - **Excellence is to be praised!:**
 - *"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her."* (Proverbs 31:28); *"But a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised."* (Proverbs 31:30b); *"And let her works praise her in the gates."* (Proverbs 31:31b)

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Please see the August Newsletter for information about our Donation Collection for this month.

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch THIS Sunday, August 23rd, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and fellowship with us!

★**CEDAR POINT:** Christina Strawn is organizing a group trip to Cedar Point THIS Saturday, August 22nd. Group Admission tickets are \$57 each. Please contact Christina Strawn if you would like to go or if you have any questions (740)755-6512.

★**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, the monthly Men's Breakfast is THIS Saturday, August 22nd, at the Big Apple Café — Log Pond location, at 7am. If you plan on attending, please let Pastor Zach know (740)618-0739.

★**END OF SUMMER PARTY:** We are having our annual "End of Summer Party" in *TWO WEEKS*, on Sunday, August 30th, at Andy's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron), starting at 5pm. There will be swimming — weather permitting, but we also ask that you bring yard games and/or board games to play as well. We would love for EVERYONE to join us for this wonderful time of fun, food, and fellowship! There is a sign-up list on the wall in the Entryway, please sign up to bring something for this party!

★**LEGACY PRACTICUM:** On Monday, September 14, 2026 from 6:00-9:00pm, for 10 Weeks, we will study the doctrine of the church "Ecclesiology" and will be taught by Pastor Jeremey Scarberry and Richard Riley, Elder Emeritus. This course is 30 Lecture Hours with a Syllabus provided for each student. You may take the course for credit or for an audit. If interested, let Richard know so we may prepare a Syllabus for you. We will study the following from I and II Timothy and Titus:

- The identity of the Church: The Church is not merely a building but the assembly of believers called by God, united in Christ and indwelt by the Holy Spirit
- The purpose of the Church: Key functions include teaching biblical doctrine, providing fellowship, observing the Lord's Supper, praying, and spreading the Gospel.

Ecclesiology studies the theological meaning and practice of baptism, communion, and church discipline and the Biblical requirements for an Elder and Deacon.

Ephesians 4:11-13: ¹¹And He Himself gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

★*For all other announcements, please see the August Newsletter!*