

“What is Good For The Children of Man?”
Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:3

*“(Solomon) said, ‘O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like You, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to Your servants **who walk before You with all their heart.**’” (1 Kings 8:23); “Now King Solomon loved many foreign women...The LORD had said to the people of Israel, ‘You shall not enter into marriage with (foreign women), neither shall they with you, for surely they will **turn away your heart after their gods.**’ Solomon clung to (his foreign wives) in love...And his wives **turned away his heart.** For when Solomon was old his wives **turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God.**” (1 Kings 11:1-4; cf. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Mark 12:30-31)*

- Ecclesiastes 1:12-13:
 - Solomon applied his mind, will, and emotions (his heart) to finding happiness, satisfaction, and purpose apart from God.
 - **“Search out by wisdom”**: *“For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through (worldly) wisdom...” (1 Corinthians 1:21)*
 - *“If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.” (1 Corinthians 3:18)*
 - **“It is an unhappy business...”**: *“For the creation was subjected to futility...creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption...the whole creation has been groaning together...” (Romans 8:20-22)*
 - *“None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” (Romans 3:10-12)*
 - *“Also, the hearts of the children of man are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead.” (Ecclesiastes 9:3)*
- Ecclesiastes 1:14-15:
 - Solomon acknowledges how limited we are to ultimately fix what is broken. We do not have the knowledge or the power to fix what is broken.
 - *“Consider the work of God: who can make straight what He has made crooked?” (Ecclesiastes 7:13)*
 - *“Woe to him who strives with Him who formed him, a pot among earthen pots!” (Isaiah 45:9)*
 - *“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you.” (1 Peter 5:6)*
- Ecclesiastes 1:16-18:
 - *“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.” (Proverbs 1:7)*
 - *“For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.” (1 Corinthians 1:25)*
- Ecclesiastes 2:1-3:
 - *“For all that is in the world — the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life — is not from the Father but is from the world.” (1 John 2:16)*

Worship: Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Psalm 103) — *Sovereign Grace Music*

As the Deer — *Various Artists*

Service Times: Sundays: Sunday School 9am/Prayer 9:45am/Church 10:30am; Mondays: Legacy Practicum 6pm;
Tuesdays: Bible Study — Women 6:30pm/Men 7pm; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20pm/Church 7pm

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Please see the September Newsletter for more information about our monthly donation collection.

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer is THIS Sunday, September 13th, from 5:30-7pm. We invite and encourage you all to join us for this time of corporate prayer, as we pray for specific prayer requests within the church body. You are welcome to join us for a portion of this time or for the full time of prayer. There should be an index card in the pocket of the chair in front of you. We ask that you please take the time to write your name and some prayer requests on the index card and place it in the basket on the front table before you leave tonight!

★**LEGACY PRACTICUM:** THIS coming 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 September Newsletter!*