"The Power to Enjoy"
Ecclesiastes 6:1-12

"But God is the one you must fear…Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them…this is the gift of God." (Ecclesiastes 5:7b,19)

"Wisdom and knowledge are granted to you. I will also give you riches, possessions, and honor, such as none of the kings had who were before you, and none after you shall have the like." (2 Chronicles 1:12)

- **The Foundation of the Text:**
  - *"The fear of the LORD prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be short." (Proverbs 10:27)*
  - *"My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you." (Proverbs 3:1-2)*
  - *"Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward." (Psalm 127:3)*
  - *"Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table." (Psalm 128:3)*
  - *"And the LORD will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your livestock and in the fruit of your ground, within the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give you." (Deuteronomy 28:11; cf 28:1,15-19)*

- **Ecclesiastes 6:1-6:**
  - *"Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live." (Isaiah 55:2a,3a)*
  - *"Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest…and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28-29)*

- **Ecclesiastes 6:7-9:**
  - *"He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income." (Ecclesiastes 5:10)*
  - *"(God) richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves…" (1 Timothy 6:17c-19a)*
  - *"Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it." (Hebrews 2:1)*

- **Ecclesiastes 6:10-12:**
  - *"Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'" (Hebrews 13:5)*
  - *"Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world." (Philippians 2:14-15)*
  - *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

Worship: I Stand Amazed — *Norton Hall Band* Be Thou My Vision — *Norton Hall Band*

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** ***Angel Tree:*** Please see the November Newsletter for more information about this monthly donation collection!

★**FRIENDSGIVING:** Our annual Friendsgiving Dinner is THIS Saturday, November 14th, at 5:30pm, here at the church. There are two sign-up lists on the wall in the Entryway — one is to sign up if you plan on attending Friendsgiving, and the other is to sign up to bring something for the Friendsgiving dinner. *If you plan on using a crockpot to transport the food item you are bringing to the dinner, please see Kathleen* — the hospitality team is providing crockpot liners in order to make cleanup easier and more expedient for everyone. We invite and encourage EVERYONE to join us for this amazing time of fellowship together.

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