

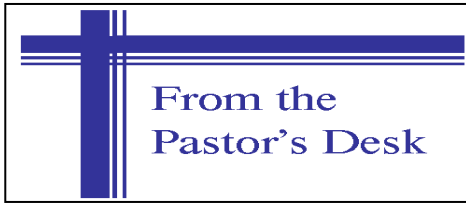


Discover A Place to Call Home

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Over the last several years I have issued a New Years challenge to the church. A particular discipline to help us grow in our faith and knowledge of the Lord.

I began, I believe, with the challenge of memorizing the Sermon on the Mount. That was followed by reading through the whole Bible in a year. And then last year, I challenged us to read through four classic Christian books. That one did not go as I planned, but that certainly was not your fault, but mine. I did not follow up with you like I intended.

I do not see these as “one and done” challenges but rather ongoing challenges that we add to our disciplines. Memorizing portions of Scripture, the continuous reading of the whole counsel of God, and reading good Christian books ought to be a way of life for us as we grow and mature in our faith and walk with the Lord.

This year I would like us to immerse ourselves in the wisdom literature of God. The challenge is to read through the Book of Proverbs, one chapter a day for an entire month for all twelve months. By December 31, 2025, we each will have read God’s wisdom twelve times (minus Proverbs 31 which we will have read seven times). I have never done this but have listened to others who have, and they testify that they greatly benefited from it.

Let me share with you some of the introduction to the book of Proverbs from the Disciple’s Study Bible:

“Ancient thinkers apparently recognized quite early the orderliness of the world in which they lived. They understood that if they tried to live in harmony with that set order, life would be much more enjoyable and fulfilling. We call these thinkers, ‘wise men’ and their writing ‘wisdom writings...’ In Israel ‘wisdom’ thinking probably began among the clans or early tribes. Such early Israelite wisdom consisted of simple observations about life. One generation handed these down to another in a continuing search for the answers to life’s perplexing problems. Such observations probably dealt with topics such as integrity, contentment, and sexual and family relationships. Unlike their neighbors’ wisdom, for Israel ‘the fear of the Lord’ provided the central theme...’ The Book of Proverbs clearly defines how God expects His people to find meaningful existence... that centers uniquely on God Himself.

Proverbs clearly remind us that we are all walking down the road of life, a road with two branches. The one chosen by the wise produces joy, happiness, and a meaningful existence as well as eternal hope. The other chosen by the foolish brings about heartache, sorrow, and ultimate destruction. Since there is clearly no middle ground, Dame Wisdom (that is the personification of wisdom in the Proverbs) pleads with us:

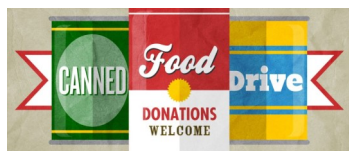
- 1) To acknowledge God as the Creator and Sustainer of the world.
- 2) To repent of our sin and to trust in God as Lord and Savior.
- 3) To so order our lives in accordance with His will that His love will clearly be reflected in our relationships with our families, friends, neighbors, strangers, and even our enemies.
- 4) To teach these precepts diligently to our children both in word and in deed; and
- 5) To praise God for the fullness and joy that He provides along the way” (DSB, Proverbs, p. 749-750).

So, my challenge to you (and myself) is let’s stop thinking we are smarter than God together. Pick a different translation of the Bible each month to read Proverbs through. And remember, paraphrasing Jesus at the end of the Sermon on the Mount, “*Wise is the one who hears the words of God and puts them into practice, this is the person who builds their life on a solid foundation that will stand the test of time and trouble*” (Matthew 7:24-25).

God Bless you, you are a great people of God! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

~Pastor Mark





Thank you for all the support that you have given for our blanket ministry for Hospice of Wichita Falls. We made and delivered 16 blankets in November.

Thank you also for donations of food for Grace Ministries. We donated 108 pounds of food in October. The needs for December are boxed stuffing mix, canned cranberry sauce, and canned sweet potatoes.

Thank you,
Steve & Ida Jones



The date of the Lottie Moon Dinner & Auction was changed to December 13 to not interfere with community events.

There will be a new Sunday School Class added for Young Adults. Micheal & Melissa Summers will lead this class in the Youth Building. Youth Sunday School will be taught by Pastor Mark in his office.



Volunteers needed in nursery during Sunday School and Worship Times



Prayer Walk
December 1 at 9:15am
Meet in JLBC Fellowship Hall



Wednesday Night Services
Meal for Everyone at 5:20pm
Adult class in Sanctuary at 6pm
Youth & Team Kids class at 6pm



Family Business Meeting
December 11 at 7pm

We have established a team called The Upper Room Team. To be part of the Upper Room Team, we are asking 120 individuals or families to donate \$100 per month. If 120 team members sign up and donate \$100 per month over the next eight months, this would accrue \$96,000. This would allow each person going to pay \$2,000 for the trip and the remaining amount would come from the Upper Room Team fund. This \$2,000 will cover everything on the trip except for souvenirs and a meal or two during travel times. The \$96,000 would also be more than needed for the 2025 trip. However, we don't want to stop in 2025 and the excess amount can be carried over to ensure we can continue the mission and hopefully expand further. If you would like to join the upper room team, you can make your donations by check to the Wichita Archer Clay Association. If you wish to have your donation made electronically, there are options for that through Jan Lee Baptist Church who will then forward your donation to the Wichita Archer Clay Association.



December 6 - Painting Class

December 7 - Lottie Moon
Dinner & Auction

December 8 - Movie Outing

December 15 - Christmas
Presentation

December 22 - Scripture Song
Service

January 31 to February 1 -
Winter Retreat for Youth Group

June 1 to 5 - Youth Camp

June 25 to July 7 - South Africa
Mission Trip

July 16 to 19 - Kids Camp

July 27 to 31 - VBS



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December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p>  <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>7:30PM</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>PAINTING CLASS AT 2PM</p>
<p>8</p>  <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>FAMILY BUSINESS MEETING @ 7PM ON DEC 11 ←</p>	<p>13</p>  <p>LOTTIE MOON DINNER & AUCTION DEC 13 AT 5:30PM</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p>  <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>TEAM KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DEC 15 AT 6PM ←</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>MEAL @ 520 BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6 PM KIDS & YOUTH CLASS @ 6-7</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p>  <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>SCRIPTURE SONG SERVICE DEC 22 AT 6PM ←</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>Closed for Christmas</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>Closed for Christmas</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>ARTICLES DUE</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>  <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 WORSHIP & MESSAGE 11 AM</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>LADIES PRAYER & BLANKET GROUP</p>	 <p>NO SERVICE WEDNESDAY NIGHT Dec 25 or Jan 1</p>			

November 2024 Sunday School Attendance Record

November 3	48
November 10	38
November 17	52
November 24	47

Average Attendance: 46
Average based on 4 Sundays

November 2024 Financial Report

Tithes	\$16,320.45
Estimated monthly budget needs for 2024 - 2025	\$19,492.51
Designated	\$ 1,885.20



December 2024 Deacon of the Week



November 25-Dec 1	Bill Lindenborn
December 2-8	Marvin Maherg
December 9-15	John Naas
December 16-22	Robert Ritter
December 23-29	Rick Griffin
December 30-January 5	Bill Lindenborn

Prayer Notification

If you have an e-mail address and desire to be on the prayer notification, please call the church office with your email information.

Questions? Call Jennifer @ 569-1211

We're on the web!

www.jlbcburk.com

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SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:45 AM
MORNING SERVICE	11:00 AM
ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE	On Hold

MIDWEEK RENEWAL SERVICE

MEAL	5:20 PM
PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY	6:00 PM
YOUTH & TEAM KIDS ACTIVITIES	6:00 PM



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