

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Wisdom for Life

By Pastor Steve Jewell

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him."

(James 1:5)

A Common Longing: Wisdom.

We all want direction, guidance, advice...we need wisdom. We look for it in all kinds of places. A song that inspires. A movie that stirs our heart. A mentor who motivates us. A place that touches us profoundly. Whether words or people or places, innumerable things inspire us.

Often, simple, short, and clear sayings anchor in us very deep and empowering truths that propel our lives. They can give direction when we've lost our way. They can remind us of what we've forgotten. They can summarize things of lengthy significance. But, there's usually a limit to these sayings. They can be situational or seasonal or subjective in their importance. They don't seem to apply equally everywhere to everyone.



So, where can we turn, to whom can we turn, to get irrefutable and perfect insight and inspiration? From where can we gain wisdom for life? The book of Proverbs!

The Point of the Proverbs: Wisdom!

Proverbs is intended to make us wise as we live in a relationship with the One who is wisdom itself. Wisdom is "skill, expertise, competence that understands how life really works, how to achieve successful and even beautiful results." (Ray Ortlund, Jr.) Wisdom is knowledge that starts with God and begins nowhere but in God first. The 19th century pastor, Adam Clarke, stated as much when he said: "No one can ever become truly wise who does not begin with God, the Fountain of knowledge; and those whose mind is influenced by the fear and love of God will learn more in a month than others will in a year."

Proverbs 1:7 says: *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction."* This very well might be a summer of the entire book of Proverbs. Proverbs



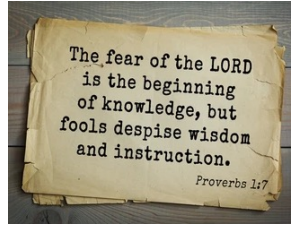
September Birthdays

Brandon Hacker	9/1
Avery Koukola	
Tom Dawson	9/5
Becky Douglas	9/15
Maggie Jewell	9/16
Tim Barnum	9/18
Annalise Kim	9/21
Linda Strohmeier	9/22
Emily Mullin	9/23
Ben Bird	9/27
Steve Nolan	

September Anniversaries

Paul & Sandra Hollensead	9/5
Ron & Susan Dawson	9/8
Andy & Madison Cannava	9/20
Scott & Leslie Koukola	9/25

instructs, initiates, and inspires us in loving God (“the fear of the LORD”). By loving God, we then learn what God wills and wants (“the beginning of knowledge”). As we love God and increasingly learn from Him, we will want what He wants, will what He wills, and walk as He walks (we won’t “despise wisdom and instruction” like the fools!).



Know this, too, Proverbs is incredibly practical and unmistakably “in touch with” real life. This isn’t an esoteric, “pie in the sky”, philosophically complex book. In and through Proverbs, God meets us in the details and decisions of life. And God speaks, God offers clear guidance to help us make God-honoring choices. The “rubber hits the road” reality of Proverbs speaks into every aspect of life. For instance, Proverbs offers wisdom on such questions as:

- What should kids do with their parents?
- How are we to raise our kids?
- How do I make good work decisions?
- What is the secret to a successful marriage?
- How can I make and maintain good friendships?
- How can we tell the difference between the truth (wisdom) and a lie (foolishness)?
- How can I navigate the complexities of life without horribly screwing up?

And there is something for everyone, rich or poor, old or young, man or woman, God-interested or God-indifferent. These simple, short, and striking statements pierce us. And once they hit us, they won’t let us wiggle out of their grip. We have to face its insight. We must struggle with its claim. We must decide whether we will surrender to its influence or stubbornly insist on doing our own thing. But let’s be crystal clear about this: Proverbs offers us only two choices—wisdom or folly, truth or error, life or death, God or nothing. In this sense, the choice is ours. Which “way” will you choose?

Seek After a Heart of Wisdom (Psalm 90:12)

As we watch and walk in a world that is increasingly lost, divided, and woefully broken, let the Word of God and the God of the Word root and reorient your life. Reading, pondering, and practicing the Proverbs is one way we can “walk in the light, as he is in the light, and so have fellowship with one another...” (see 1 John 1:7)

In the wisdom of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Pastor Steve

Adult Choir



As of August, the adult choir has been practicing, preparing, and presenting beautiful music during our worship. Do note that Melissa Weaver has developed a safe plan for the choir to gather safely.

If you are interested in joining or rejoining the choir, please contact Melissa and let her know. Practices are on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in the Sanctuary.

Adult Bell Choir

In addition to the adult choir, the adult bell choir is also practicing together. This group meets on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM. New members are always welcome. Let Melissa Weaver know if your are interested.



Presbyterian Women Update

Trinity Presbyterian Women (TPW) will resume their Circle meeting beginning in September 2021 and continuing through May 2022, with the first meeting on Sept 14. Our subject will be Women of the Bible. All Trinity women are members of TPW, and we invite each of you to

join us at 9:30am in the Parlor the second Tuesday of each month.

Following a short business meeting and prayer time, we will begin our lesson. Please bring a snack and beverage for fellowship time following the lesson.

Much love to all,

Your TPW



As Christ's disciples, we are made for community. This community is where our love for Christ is deepened, our faith in Christ grows, and our lives are offered in service of our neighbors and the nations. For more information, consider "doing life together" by joining one or more of the following opportunities.

Opportunities for Children

Christian Education for Children

Plans are being made to resume many of our ministry activities for our children. In particular, here are some of the opportunities for our children to learn about and grow in Jesus:

1. A children's message is included in our worship services each Sunday. This message takes place very early in our service.
2. After the children's message, the young people are dismissed for a time of worship and encouragement that serves their age and interest.
3. We also encourage families to read the Bible together, as well as discuss what it means and why it is important. If you need ideas and resources on how to do this, please don't hesitate to contact Janice Kim or Pastor Steve.

TPW (Trinity Presbyterian Women)

This group meets the second Tuesday of the month, September to May, at 10:30 in the Parlor. Everyone brings a small bag lunch, while sweets and coffee are provided. Along with Bible study, these ladies share life together. Masks and socially distanced seating is provided. Call Sandra at (502) 593-4014 with questions for more information.

Opportunities for Youth

Youth Online Worship

All middle and high school students are invited to gather for youth group on Friday nights at 7 PM. For more information, please contact Janice at (502) 600-0811 about this dynamic time of worship.

Adult Educational Opportunities

Koinonia Sunday School Class

This group studies, prays, and grows together in *koinonia* (Greek for "community"). The current study is an in-depth survey of church history. This class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM via Zoom. Contact Pastor Bob Williams-Neal for more information.

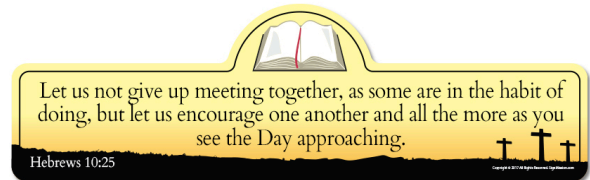
Women's Sunday School Class

This class brings women together to support one another by building their faith in Christ. This is a fun-loving group of women who enjoy studying God's Word together. This class meets in person on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. If you'd like more information, please contact Cathy Dawson or Barb Sheeler.

Small Group Opportunities*Sunday Evening Seekers**The Quest*

Those who are young, and young in heart, are invited to join in the quest of growing in Christ through the study of God's Word and the fellowship of mutual encouragement. Plans are being made for this group to resume meeting. For more information, please contact Brad Harville (harv8248@bellsouth.net).

This is a casual group of believers who gather on Sunday evenings at 5 PM to engage with God's Word, to encourage one another in Christ, and to enjoy the fellowship of other believers. For more information, please contact Pastor Steve.

**AN UPDATE FROM TPW**

May 11, Dolli Neikirk, Director of Lifehouse and Kristin Kennedy, Development Manager, presented information about this program that shelters pregnant women who want to keep their babies but have no support to do this. Lifehouse can care for 6 pregnant women and 6 parenting women and their children, for a total of 12 moms plus their children. While this doesn't sound like much, Lifehouse is a lifeline for these women and children while they are in transition, helping them learn infant and home care, enabling them to obtain an education, and ultimately to find steady work. Lifehouse is one of the ministries supported by Trinity through fundraising sales of Sew 'n Sews crafts.

In July, as part of a developing relationship with Lifehouse, Sew 'n Sews prepared and delivered two keepsake boxes filled with scarves, costume and fine jewelry gifts, to the Lifehouse residents. The donation was made possible by contributions from the collection of Sheryl Yoffe's beloved Aunt Helen, who had recently passed away. In August, Sew 'n Sews members were invited to a prayer dedication kick off for a remodel of the Lifehouse kitchen. Grants for the remodel were from **Presbyterian Women USA, Women 4 Women, Southeast Christian Church, Christ Church United Methodist, and Younger Woman's Club of Louisville.** Lifehouse did not have personal relationships with Presbyterian Women (USA) and invited the Sew 'n Sews as representatives of our national group. Stacy Mills and Sandra Hollensead joined ministers and members of the above donor groups in the remodel space on August 6. After prayers of blessing and dedication, attendees wrote encouraging messages and excerpts from scripture on walls and boards that would be later covered. Thus the new kitchen will have hope, love, and blessings literally built into the walls and supports to cover residents, who will learn nutrition and cooking in the improved space. Also, grants from the **Jamie Parsley Family Foundation** and **ARGI Financial Group** will be used to purchase new furniture for the common living room space.



Prayers are lifted up for the residents who will find a home and new direction for their lives with their baby as they learn new life skills.



Messages and blessings are inscribed on supporting walls and boards.

MISSION NEWS & UPDATES

Maryhurst

Clean-up. Our deepest thanks to everyone who came out to help clean up the outdoor common areas at Maryhurst on August 15. We are certain this sentiment is likewise shared by the staff at Maryhurst and the girls who live there. It is important the girls have a physical environment where they can thrive; how much more important that they experience the love of Jesus by our words and deeds! We trimmed bushes, pulled weeds, planted flowers, pressure washed benches, and spread mulch ... and had a great time being with one another while doing the work!



Fall Festival. Courtney Lucas, Community Relations Director, indicated they are putting together a fall festival for the girls again this year. She said it may involve a Trick-or-Treat walk around the campus. This sounds equally as fun for the girls (and the guests) as was the Trunk-or-Treat event prior to COVID. Please stay tuned for the details which we will share with you as soon as they are available.

The Burrito Riders

We are some burrito making fools, and we LOVE that about our Trinity family and friends! To date, we have donated hundreds of burritos to feed the homeless. We are currently in the third quarter collection drive, so continue making burritos and putting them in the freezer at church. If you haven't tried making burritos yet, it really is a fun activity for the family and a great opportunity to serve your neighbor! The recipe is included in the burrito making kits in the Narthex.

MISSION NEWS & UPDATES (cont'd)

Operation Christmas Child

Most of us will never spend time in a mission field and Operation Christmas Child is a terrific way to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with children all around the world. We are told by Samaritan's Purse that one child hearing the Gospel can impact approximately ten people. Will you share the Good News by supporting this mission opportunity?

Monthly Donations. We hope you have followed along with the monthly donations and have participated in donating items to be packed in the Trinity boxes or collected all the items necessary to pack your own boxes at home. For the month of September, games are the item to collect! Suggestions include marbles, puzzles, playing cards, tic-tac-toe, etc. Keep in mind that the items must be age appropriate and be able to fit in a shoebox.

Packing Party. The shoebox packing party will be organized similarly to last year's party, allowing for social distancing and safety. We will again offer one-hour time slots for you and your family to reserve in advance the date and time you wish to pack boxes. We will set up the room toward the end of September and anticipate offering box packing sometime mid-October. We hope this important service is fun and successful. We will provide the details as they are finalized.



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STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Finally, sisters and brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there be any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Philippians 4:8)



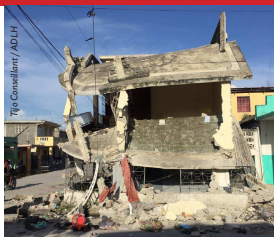
Have you been feeling somewhat isolated and alone? Weary of it all? Numb?

This time of seismic shifts in our lives, our health, our culture, our world, means we are grieving the loss of the way "things used to be." What you may be feeling is normal! And as it happens when there are major life changes, we are compelled to consider how we will now continue caring, connecting and committing in new ways.

Over a few weeks, September 26 through October 10, we will be considering exactly that. It's that time of the year when we think together about what ministries the Lord is asking us to do in His name as the people of God at Trinity Presbyterian Church. What each of us decides will then collectively become the budget for 2022. A foundation Bible passage during this time is Matthew 6:21: *"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."*

During this time, please prayerfully consider where the Lord is asking you to invest yourself and your resources. Change is happening; as we embrace this change, how exciting it is that God is working in each of us, revealing His grace and power in new ways! Let's see what God can do!!

Support Haiti in its hour of greatest need



**And after the earthquake
... a sound of sheer silence.
Then there came a voice ...
that said, "What are you
doing here?"** (1 Kings 19:12-13)

Following the devastating Aug. 14 earthquake in Haiti, nearly 1,500 people are dead, thousands more injured and an unknown number still missing. Some 13,000 homes were destroyed and roads, bridges and communication systems damaged. Because Haiti is already facing endemic hunger and poverty, COVID-19, continuing civil unrest and the arrival of Tropical Storm Grace, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery through our established local partners and in collaboration with ACT Alliance. The PC(USA), through PDA, will remain active throughout the entire recovery process, accompanying our partners in the area as they determine long-term program needs and providing financial support for rebuilding and resilience.

The needs for the response will be great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.

GIVE: Gifts can be made at bit.ly/PDAHaiti, by phone at (800) 872-3283 or by check using the below reply device.

ACT: • Share our Mobile Cause campaign link (bit.ly/PDAHaiti).
• Learn how you and your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and like us on Facebook (facebook.com/PDAcares), download resources at pda.pcusa.org/pda/resources and share updates with your congregation.

PRAY: Pray for those who suffered loss of family or home and for those who are working tirelessly to provide rescue, humanitarian aid, and spiritual and psychological support.



☐ \$500 ☐ \$125 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ Other \$ _____

Name _____ Address _____

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Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church; or enclose it in an envelope with your check and mail it to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



PDA HE21-BI

Back by Popular Demand!



Everyone had so much fun at the last golf scramble that we're planning another one on **Saturday, September 18, 2021**, at the Eagle Creek Golf Club at 8:30 a.m.!

Please contact Tom Dawson at (502) 649-4166, or tmdawson22@gmail.com ASAP so he can get a head count

Dartball is back!

The Louisville Dartball League is set to resume on Monday, September 27. For more information about what dartball is, and to sign up to join the Trinity team, please contact Steve Conn at (502) 817-2251.



September 6	Labor Day - Church Office Closed
September 18	TPC Golf Outing at Eagle Creek
September 26	Stewardship Season Begins
September 27	Dartball Resumes

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Shepherd the flock of God.

1 PETER 5:2

Mini-Flocks

TPC Elder Care Ministry

These are the mini-flocks to which each of our elders are assigned, as well as the mini-flock elder to whom each of us is assigned. Please get to know your mini-flock elder, for God has called them to build a relationship with you and to offer care to you as we LOVE, GROW, & SERVE the Lord together.

If you notice a name that is absent, this is an unfortunate oversight. Please let [Pastor Steve](#) know, and we will be sure to add them to our mini-flock list. As does the Lord Jesus, we do not want to lose any of the flock God has entrusted to our care (see John 6:39).

<u>Marc Bushue</u> (2021) Tim Barnum David & Jude (Bloor) Brandt Andy & Madison Cannava Mardi Crosser Ron & Susan Dawson Patrick & Anna Hayden Karl & Brittney Maslowski Kyle & Bonnie Mullin Greg & Jenny Rousos Ghyll Simoneschi	<u>Bert Lundstrom</u> (2021) Won Joo Ahn Steve & Cathy Conn Tom & Cathy Dawson Laura Edwards Amy Elder Brad & Mary Harville (Clay) Doug Harville Sandy Koukola Jean Paulman Melissa Weaver	<u>Bonnie Mullin</u> (2021) Anuji Abraham Steve Edwards Imad El-Imam Ruth French Jennifer Hacker Carol Hartmann Barbara Keyser Bert & Suzanne Lundstrom Chris & Emily Mullin Brian & Heather Wallace
<u>Ron Dawson</u> (2022) Susan Bauer Marc & Sherie Bushue Dennis & Brenda Miller Jerry Pender Matt & Rebecca Perry Andrew & Jennifer Petty C.R. & Ann Marie Redcorn Barbara Sheeler George Stone	<u>Amy Elder</u> (2022) Beth Bloss Margaret Bloss Barbara Cooke Robyn Hetman Prestigiacomo Kenny & Kay Hines Yohan & Janice Kim Josh & Elizabeth Latham Irvin Ottman Collette Sangster	<u>Carol Hartmann</u> (2022) Lois Bringhurst Harper & Marilyn Davis Becky Douglas David & Ann Douglas Thomas Douglas Joe Hoffert (Nick) W. Clarke & Marty Johnson Jim & Elizabeth McDaniel Jackie Morrow Steve & Kay Nolan
<u>Matt Perry</u> (2023) Chris & Maria Hall Paul & Sandra Hollensead Steven & Diane Jewell Kathy MacDonald Max & Sheryl Oyler James & Elizabeth Ray Dottie Watson Martha Warrick Bob & Camille Williams-Neal	<u>Kenny Hines</u> (2023) Charles & Greta Bemisderfer Judy Davids (Kathy) Bill & Janet Husband Jane Kurfees Jeanne Lind Betty Muse Sharon Fay Roy Philip & Linda Strohmeier Sheryl Yoffe	<u>Cathy Conn</u> (2023) Luci Fulmore Abraham & Geetha Joseph Linda Jones & Charlie Ball Jack & Deb Kelly Mike & Jill McCullough Sherry Pritts Carol Redd (Stacy) Jack & Candy Wheat



Trinity Presbyterian welcomes all visitors, and especially those eager to encounter and enjoy the presence of Christ!

Our Sunday morning service begins at 11:00 a.m. We offer both in-person and Livestream access to this time of worship.

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