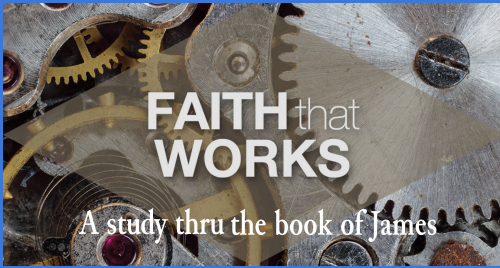


TPC Weekly Newsletter

June 9, 2024



FAITH THAT WORKS: Warring Wisdoms *James 3:13-18*

A World at War

This world is at war. It's everywhere. It's in our schools, our workplaces, and our churches. It's in distant lands, it's in our neighborhoods, and it's in our homes. According to a bit of wisdom attributed to the Roman emperor, Alexander the Great, "I have met the enemy; it is I."

The Origin of Our Warring Madness

Is this just how the world has always been? Or, was there a time without this warring madness? God's Word clearly and definitively answers these questions with an unequivocal "No!" The world has not always been at war. The first three chapters of Genesis describe the origin of our warring madness.

In Genesis 3, we are told that Satan, appearing in the form of a snake, approached Eve and Adam and challenged God's clarity, truthfulness and goodness. Listen to how it is described in Genesis 3:1-7.

Questioning God's clarity – "Did God actually say...?" (v. 1)

Denying God's truthfulness – "You will not certainly die!" (v. 4)

Rejecting God's goodness – "For God knows that you will be like God." (v. 5)

Freedom Demands Responsibility

This is the condition in which humanity has been living ever since. As a result of the first human's rebellion, we all live defiantly against God, rejecting God's wisdom and relying on our own wisdom. "In a world without God, human beings are not so much free as overwhelmingly responsible."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Announcements

- The start time for our Sunday worship service throughout the Summer is now 10 AM. All Sunday School classes have also decided to take a break during the Summer.
- The Digging Deeper study will not meet this week due to road work taking place in the City of Blue Ridge.
- The Deacon's Lemonade stand is open throughout the Summer immediately following worship.

To provide flowers for worship, please sign up on the Worship bulletin board or contact Sherry.

Please know that your ministry support is a valuable means by which God is reaching, teaching, & growing followers of Jesus Christ. As always, we are thankful for God's faithfulness and your financial partnership.

Mission Opportunities

Burrito making kits are available.

Donations are being received for this year's Operation Christmas Child initiative.

Upcoming Events

The TPC Golf Scramble will be on Saturday, June 15 at Eagle Creek. For more information or to sign up, please talk to Tom Dawson.

TPC Women's Luncheon at Little Mount Lavender on Saturday, June 15 at 11 AM. The sign up sheet is available on the Fellowship bulletin board.

There will be a Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, June 23 to fill out our 2024 Nominating Committee.

Vacation Bible School will be on June 22-23 from 6-8 PM. Spread the word, bring your kids and grandkids, and invite the children from your neighborhood to learn about the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Greeter Ministry

Please look for a warm, welcoming friend to meet & greet you on Sunday mornings. In addition, the greeter will lock all the church doors by 10:15 AM, except for the glass doors to the Narthex.

We hope everyone will take a turn being this warm, welcoming presence. To serve as a Sunday morning greeter, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

FAITH THAT WORKS: Warring Wisdom

The Conduct of True Wisdom – v. 13

Definition of Wisdom: “Wisdom is the right use of knowledge.” (Charles Spurgeon) Wisdom, then, might be described as the ability to rightly apprehend, apply, and act on the truth of God as revealed in the Word of God.

In verse 13, James sets up the glaring contrast between Godly wisdom and presumptive earthly wisdom. He does so by pointing out two important practical elements about true wisdom: 1) true wisdom must be consistently acted on, and 2) true wisdom will produce virtuous fruit in our lives. These practical elements are highlighted by contrasting earthly wisdom with Godly wisdom.

The Characteristics of Earthly Wisdom – v. 14-16

Earthly wisdom originates from below, independent from God.

Earthly wisdom focuses on humans only.

Earthly wisdom manifests divisive vices: envy, self-centeredness, boasting, rejection of the truth, the demonic

Earthly wisdom produces only trouble.

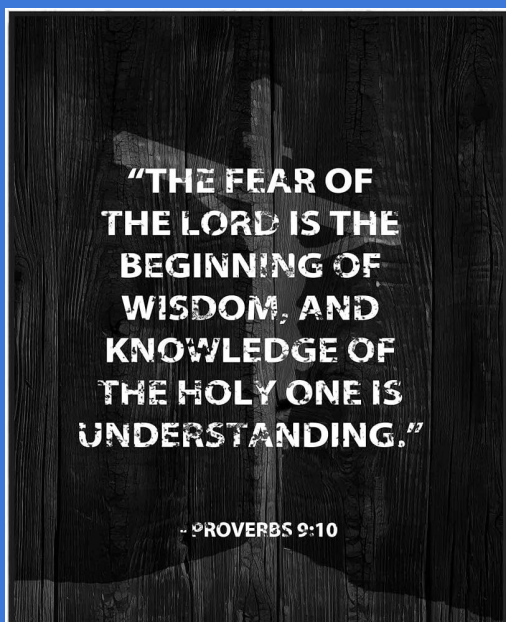
The Characteristics of Godly Wisdom – v. 17-18

Godly wisdom originates from above, dependent on God.

Godly wisdom focuses on God supremely.

Godly wisdom manifests unifying virtues: purity, peace, kindness, cooperation, mercy, fairness, and authentic goodness.

Godly wisdom produces only blessing.



Prayer Joys & Concerns

Thanks and Praise

Birthdays: Gwen Tomblin (6/10), Susan Dawson (6/12), Jill McCullough (6/12), Jim McDaniel (6/12)

Anniversaries: Bob & Mary Gray (6/11), Dennis & Brenda Miller (6/11), Chris & Maria Hall (6/14)

Needs and Concerns

Those who are grieving...

The family and friends of Judy Kelly (Jack & Deb Kelly's sister-in-law)

The family and friends Kathy Newsom (Madison Cannava's friend)

Those needing help/healing...

Belinda Phelps - healing

Janet Husband - healing

Betty Muse - hand surgery this week

Kay Hardy-Hines

Sandra Hollensead

Ellen (Kay Nolan's cousin)

Eddie Barker (Janet Husband's cousin) - healing

Jamie King (Lois Bringham's nephew) - healing

Carol Redd

Greta Bemisderfer

Ashley (the Husband's grand daughter)

Gwen Tomblin

Monica (the Bloor-Brandt's neighbor)

Steve Conn

Sandy Koukola

Rev. Bob & Rev. Camille Williams-Neal

Harvey (Miller's great grandson)

Tracy (Miller's daughter)

Ghyll Simoneschi

Susan Bauer

Jean Paulmann

Jane Kurfees

Josh Jones (Jane Kurfees nephew)

Robert (Lois Bringham's brother)

Spencer Hardin (Sheryl Yoffe's friend)

Spike Frederick (Andy's friend)

Donna Primm (Andy's friend)

Toka (Sherry Pritts' friend)

Situations and Circumstances...

The mission and ministry of TPC

The war on Israel

Persistent societal violence

Volatile political tensions

Economic concerns

The violence/brokenness of our city and the world

Students, teachers, staff during Summer break

Medical caregivers, police, elected officials

The many ministries of TPC (Burrito Riders, Faith & Art Center, OCC, Sew 'n Sews, EACM, Maryhurst, Fellowship of Christian Athletes)



Summer Worship Services at Trinity Presbyterian Church

Beginning June 2, 2024, the Sunday Worship Service will move to 10:00 a.m. for the months of June, July, and August.

There is joy in worshipping together!

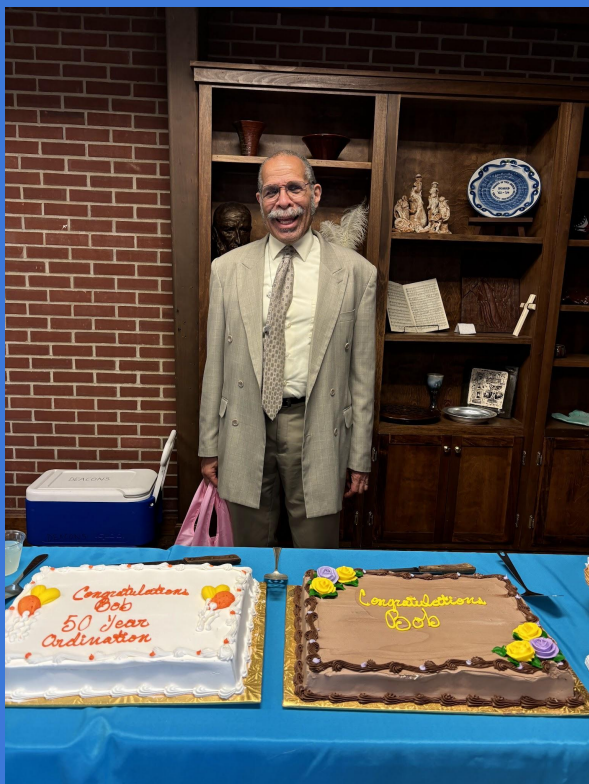


DEACON'S LEMONADE STAND BEGINS **Next Sunday, JUNE 2!**

We'll gather in the narthex after the 10 o'clock worship service. Enjoy a glass of lemonade and a cookie or two as you visit with others in our Trinity family.

For those who would like to contribute herbs, vegetables, fruit and/or flowers from your garden, you may start bringing those on June 2.

See You at the Stand!!



Congratulations to Rev. Bob Williams-Neal on the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church.

We are so grateful for your obedience to God's call and your faithful service in God's church. We love you and thank God for you!

*"The LORD bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace."
(Numbers 6:24-26)*




THE GREAT CATCH

VBS 2024

Matthew 4:19

JUNE 22 & 23 | 6-8PM

Trinity Presbyterian Church
10200 Shelbyville Road
Louisville, Kentucky



TPC Women's Luncheon **Little Mount Lavender**

June 15, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Please join us for fun, food, and fellowship!

Little Mount Lavender is located in the
historic Old Stone Inn building
6905 Shelbyville Road
Simpsonville, KY 40067
(502) 437-2141



Due to limited parking, we have been asked
to carpool.

Sign-up sheet is in the hallway.

It's Tee Time Again!

The Fellowship Committee invites you
to participate in the

TPC Annual Golf Scramble

Saturday, June 15, 2024

Eagle Creek Golf Course

2820 S. Highway 53

LaGrange, KY 40031

(502) 222-7927

First Tee Time — 8:30 a.m.

Cost: \$49 each (*includes cart fee*)

Contact Tom Dawson (502) 649-4166





Operation Christmas Child – 2024 Quick Facts

DISCIPLESHIP:

- **The Greatest Journey** is a follow-up discipleship experience offered through local churches to many of the children who receive shoebox gifts. The **12-lesson program** introduces boys and girls to salvation through faith in Jesus and encourages them to grow as faithful followers.
- Over the past 30 years (since 1993), **more than 50 million children** have been discipled, **including 25 million children who have prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior!**
- **Shoebox to Bible:** After a child completes the 12-weeks discipleship program, a **New Testament Bible** is given to each child in their language. So far, **over 36 million New Testaments** have been given to graduates through our local church partners.
- Samaritan's Purse trains over **240,500+ volunteer teachers** to lead children through The Greatest Journey program.
- In 2023, The Greatest Journey discipleship program was translated in **91 languages** and reached **98 countries!**
- In 2023, over **5.1 million children** participated in **The Greatest Journey** discipleship program and there were **nearly 2.9 million decisions for Christ**, equating to 331 children coming to faith each hour!
- Pray for over **5.5 million children** to participate in The Greatest Journey discipleship program in 2024!

Stay tuned. OCC Quick Facts regarding **to the Ends of the Earth** are coming next!



Operation Christmas Child Donation Opportunities

The Mission Committee requests your consideration in making shoebox gift donations throughout the next several months so our supplies will be plentiful for our shoebox packing event to once again be held July/August.

The items being collected are:

UNDERWEAR SOCKS T-SHIRTS FLIP-FLOPS

These items may be for boys or girls in sizes appropriate for ages 2-4, ages 5-9, or ages 10-14. We intentionally pack more boxes for ages 10-14 as statistically the least number of boxes are packed for this age group.

You may drop off your donations from now through the end of June into the bin provided in the Narthex. We will periodically gather the donations, update our inventory, and sort the items according to sex and age.

Please consider donating to this worthy ministry. And join us in praying that Trinity's 2024 Shoebox Season will be fruitful!

Weekly Reminders

While Sunday School is taking a break during the Summer, consider joining one of the classes and/or small groups once this important ministry of Christian Education resumes in the Fall:

- Koinonia Class led by [Rev. Bob Williams-Neal](#) at 9:45 AM.
- Women's Sunday School Class at 9:45 AM (please contact [Cathy Dawson](#), [Lucie Fulmore](#), or [Lois Bringham](#) for more information)
- Youth Sunday School Class for middle school and high school students at 10 AM (please contact [Rebecca Perry](#) for more information).
- Sprouts Sunday School Class for ages 5 thru 4th grade at 9:45 AM (please contact [Diane Jewell](#) for more information).
- Digging Deeper meets on Monday mornings at 10 AM.

If you're unable to worship with us in person, join us via [Livestream](#) on Sundays at 10 AM. Our online worship bulletin is [posted here](#).

If you have a need, a prayer request, or have information you would like to share with the rest of the Trinity family, please contact [Pastor Steve](#), [Sherry Pritts](#) (Church Secretary), [Andy Cannava](#) (Clerk of the Session), [Brenda Miller](#) (Chair of the Deacons), or your mini-flock shepherd. Please [click here](#) for the updated mini-flock list.

To view our 2024 Leadership & Committees list, please [click here](#).

If you would like to make an online gift and/or donation to support the mission and ministry of Trinity Presbyterian Church, [please click here](#).

While most of our college students are home for the Summer, please continue to pray for them.

We will share updated contact information when it becomes available.

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