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Faith Messenger

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Proverbs: A Mini Guide to Life Timothy Keller March 16, 2010

In my regular, daily Bible reading over the past year I read through Proverbs 3, a passage I've studied and preached through many times. But during this reading, I realized that in verses 3 through 12 we have all the themes of the rest of the book, and therefore a kind of mini-guide to faithful living. There are five things that comprise a wise, godly life. They function both as means to becoming wise and godly as well as signs that you are growing into such a life:

1. Put your heart's deepest trust in God and his grace. Every day remind yourself of his unconditioned, covenantal love for you. Do not instead put your hopes in idols or in your own performance.

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all your heart (Prov 3:3-5a)

2. Submit your whole mind to the Scripture. Don't think you know better than God's word. Bring it to bear on every area of life. Become a person under authority.

Lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. (Prov 3:5b-6)

3. Be humble and teachable toward others. Be forgiving and understanding when you want to be critical of them; be ready to learn from others when they come to be critical of you.

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. (Prov 3:7-8)

4. Be generous with all your possessions, and passionate about justice. Share your time, talent, and treasure with those who have less.

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. (Prov 3:9-10)

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Special Points of Interest:

- June Monthly Meetings, Back Page
- June Birthdays and Anniversaries included with Calendar

Administrative Assistant

Summer Office Hours Through July 15

Mon.: 8:45 to 9:45 am, 11:15 am to 12:15 pm

Tues. through Fri.:

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Prayer Requests

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

Bridgewater Memory Care: Gloria Tollefson

Colony Court: Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Muriel Jenkins

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran, Leona Quast

Latham Place: George and Lucille Kubista, Elaine Westrum

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Michael Schumacher, JoAnn Eggness, Nicki & Jon Schultz, Leona Quast, the Betty Sparks family, Troy Taylor, Joe Monahan, all who are battling cancer, Farmers.



Administrative Assistant Hours

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office June 17 through 21. Stacy will begin summer hours on June 3 as follows: June 3 through July 15, Monday 8:45 to 9:45 am and 11:15 am to 12:15 pm; Tuesday through Friday 9:00 am to Noon. After July 15, Monday through Friday 9:00 am to Noon. Please watch Sunday bulletins and future newsletters for any updates to Stacy's schedule. Adjustments may be made at times due to kids' summer activities.

Faith Crafters & Stitchers

Faith Crafters & Stitchers will meet **Thursday, June 13, 2019**, from **1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a project of your choice to work on. Coffee and treats will be provided. Please call Sandy Voshell at 835-4122 if you have any questions.

Financial Update

Hurray!! We received 40 pledges in 2019 compared to just 21 in 2018. Thank you to everyone who turned in their pledge. That really helps us to plan for the finances of Faith Church.

When the Council approved the budget for 2019, it looked like we would need about \$7,000 in a Special Ask to meet all of our expenses. You will recall that we included our full 2019 Apportionments in our budget. Those Apportionments total \$21,144.

At the May Council meeting, I reported our 2019 giving and expenses through the first four months of 2019. Envelope giving and loose offering totaled \$45,409 compared to the budget of \$50,286. We expect the giving to catch up now that the snowbirds are back.

On the other hand, the winter weather was not kind to us. Church utilities (mostly heat) were \$5,566 compared to budget of \$4,336. Also the yard maintenance (mostly snow removal) was \$4,907 vs. the budget of \$2,164. That amounts to a total of \$10,473 compared to our budget of \$6,500 or about \$4,000 more than we expected. Our budget amounts were based on historical patterns.

At this time, we know that we will need a Special Ask and are planning to wait until the May results are in. That way, we believe we will have a better idea of our needs for the balance of 2019.

Neil Fruechte, Finance Chair

Noisy Sundays

The kids had a fun time going among the congregation with their cans collecting donations. The money will go to paint and purchase some storage cabinets for the Youth Room. They had fun jiggling the cans (making noise) and of course emptying their cans of coins in the wheelbarrow. The money from the Noisy Sundays during the month of May was collected in the wheelbarrow. Thank you everyone. We'll have to have a 'showing' when the room is refreshed!

Rock Party

There were fourteen people painting rocks on April 29th. It was the first time for two of the individuals and they said they would return. Not sure if the painting is the fun part or the visiting over our supper. Anyway, everyone appears to enjoy the event and we will have another rock painting party in June. Watch for the notice in the bulletins and on Facebook.

Meal & Movie Night (M&M Night)

Meal and Movie Night was held on Sunday, May 19. The movie shown was 'Secretariat'. It was attended by 40 individuals. It's always a good day for walking tacos. Thanks to everyone who helped out.

The next M&M Night will be in September. Watch the bulletin, church calendar and Facebook for more information.

"Resurrection" Wall Hanging given by Sherry Scholljegerdes

Hope you enjoy looking at the quilt. This story tells the tale of the Dragonfly:

In the bottom of an old pond lived some grubs who could not understand why none of their groups ever came back after crawling up the stems of the lilies to the top of the water. They promised each other that the next one who was called to make the upward climb would return and tell what happened to him. Soon one of them felt an urgent impulse to seek the surface; he rested himself on the top of a lily pad and went through a glorious transformation which made him a dragonfly with beautiful wings. In vain he tried to keep his promise. Flying back and forth over the pond, he peered down at his friends below. Then he realized that even if they could see him they would not recognize such a radiant creature as one of their number.



The fact that we cannot see our loved ones or communicate with them after the transformation, which we call death, is no proof that they cease to exist.

— Walter Dudley Cavert

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5. Accept and learn from difficulties and suffering. Through the gospel, recognize them as not punishment, but a way of refining you.

My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline and do not resent his rebuke, because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in. (Prov 3:11-12)

As I meditated on these five elements--rooted in his grace, obeying and delighting in his Word, humble before other people, sacrificially generous toward our neighbor, and steadfast in trials--I thought of Jesus. The New Testament tells us that the personified 'divine wisdom' of the Old Testament is actually Jesus (Mt 11:19.) And I realized that a) he showed the ultimate trust and faithfulness to God and to us by going to the cross, b) he was saturated with and shaped by Scripture, c) he was meek and lowly in heart (Mt. 11:28-30), d) he, though rich, became poor for us, e) and he bore his suffering, for us, without complaint. We can only grow in these five areas if you know you are saved by costly grace. That keeps you from idols, from self-sufficiency and pride, from selfishness with your things, and from crumbling under troubles. Jesus is wisdom personified, and believing his gospel brings these character qualities into your life.

For a number of weeks I have been spending time praying for these five things for my family and my church leaders. There's no better way to instill these great things in your own heart, than to pray intensely for them in the lives of those you love.

Tim Keller is my pastor in that I learn much from his teachings about scripture, the gospel and God's grace. Sunday, May the 26th, this article was the basis for my sermon. If you were there and heard me preach let this be a reminder of how to live a fruitful life. If you are hearing this for the first time let the Spirit work these five principles into your life.

Be encouraged and Be Joyful

Pastor Victor

Spring Luncheon 2019

Spring Luncheon again a big success with the help of many!



Volunteer at General Conference 2020

Volunteering at General Conference 2020 (May 5-15) will provide a tremendous opportunity to see the United Methodist connection up-close and extend hospitality to siblings in Christ from around the world. The Dakotas-Minnesota host team is looking for volunteers of all ages, interests, and abilities. The team's primary goal is to extend radical hospitality to guests so that they feel welcomed and safe and can focus their full attention on participating in the gathering and discerning God's vision and direction for our denomination.



Volunteers at the 2016 General Conference

You can now indicate interest in volunteering with the Dakotas-Minnesota host team. Pages, marshals, scribes, and several other types of volunteers will also be recruited and coordinated by the Commission on General Conference. Most host team volunteers will select three-hour shifts during the 10 days of General Conference. There will also be opportunities to help with General Conference preparation and training prior to the event itself.

Volunteer Opportunities

Airport

Greeters: Greeting visitors in the baggage claim area, helping them gather their luggage, bringing them to a hospitality station, and escorting them to their transportation pick-up point.

Drivers: Driving a circulator van or bus from the airport to downtown Minneapolis hotels and the Convention Center and/or assisting guests using this transportation.

Hotels

Greeters: Greeting guests, answering questions, providing directions, and helping them get acclimated—particularly during the peak arrival and departure dates—at several key downtown Minneapolis hotels.

Convention Center

Greeters: Helping guests find their way around, answering their questions, and assisting registration volunteers in providing credentials.

Prayer room hosts: Praying with and/or assisting guests who stop by a designated prayer room.

Technology specialists: Helping to install and maintain computers and other electronic equipment being used throughout the event.

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Other

Skyway guide: Greeting and answering questions of those walking the skyways between buildings in downtown Minneapolis (General Conference attendees and non).

Off-site venue hosts: Being on location for and assisting with group leisure or service project events organized for conference attendees.

Translators: Working with guests who speak other languages—particularly French—as they make their way around and get acclimated to the city.

Administrative support: Assembling materials for guests in advance of their arrival.

Volunteer at <https://gc2020welcome.org/greeting/>

If you are interested in volunteering and have no access to a computer, call me, Barbara Friedl at 507-833-6095.

If you are interested and do not drive in Minneapolis, give me a call. We can see if we can do some car-pooling.

Bible Wordsearch

Fathers & Sons

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Puzzle #134

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| ABIMELECH | ISAIAH |
| ABRAHAM | JACOB |
| ABSALOM | JEREMIAH |
| ADAM | JOASH |
| AHAB | JOEL |
| AHAZIAH | JONAH |
| AMITTAI | JONATHAN |
| AMOZ | JOSEPH |
| BEERI | JOSHUA |
| BOAZ | MOSES |
| BUZI | NIMROD |
| CUSH | NOAH |
| DAVID | NUN |
| EHUD | OBED |
| ELKANAH | OMRI |
| ENOSH | PETHUEL |
| EPHRAIM | REHOBAM |
| EZEKIEL | REUBEN |
| EZRA | SAMUEL |
| GERA | SAUL |
| GERSHOM | SERAIAH |
| GIDEON | SETH |
| HILKIAH | SHEM |
| HOSEA | SOLOMON |

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right



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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle meeting for June is TBD.

Ruth Circle

UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, June 11th at 10:20 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Nancy Tollefson will be the hostess. Lorraine Wick will provide the devotions. The program will be "Mother's Day". Bring a picture of you and your mother and a memory about your mother to share with the group. All are welcome to attend.