

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Jeff Sturgill continues to recover from a sore on his foot and is doing better. Mike Parnell's sister-in-law, Ethel Parnell, is in the early stages of dementia. Jesse Riddle is on hospice care but is often able to attend Sunday AM service. Connie Davis is recovering from surgery to replace the left side of her hip. Charlie Henard's niece, Brittany Henard, is battling cancer. Karen Sproles had a nerve block injection in her knee. A biopsy taken from a sore on her leg tested positive for melanoma. She has several other spots as well. She had a procedure on remove to remove the growths. Karen Sproles's son has moved back to this area and will have knee surgery. Karen Sproles' daughter had stomach surgery and is doing well. Linda Jones will have eye surgery to correct cataracts in both eyes and the iris in one of her eyes. Surgery will occur within the next four months when a special lens coming from Germany is available. Linda also will have surgery to remove a malignant growth and her prognosis for a full recovery is good. Jessica Haynes', daughter-in-law of Dave and Tina, grandmother is in the hospital in critical condition but showing some signs of improvement.

Pray For Our Shut-Ins:

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, John & Terry Richardson

Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia), Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru). See latest mission reports on the bulletin board in the back of the auditorium..

2024 Gospel Meetings:

A fall gospel meeting will be held September 6-8 with brother Tom House of the Plainview Church of Christ in Fulton, MS.

Graduation Reception:

A high school graduation reception for Isaiah Cristobal, great-grandson of Floyd and Judy Coley, will be held Saturday, May 25th from 1 – 3 PM at the New Life Church in Paragon.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, June 2nd, following the AM services. Following the pitch-in we will have a service in song at 1:00 PM.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's business meeting will be Wednesday, June 5th at 5:00 PM.

Radio Program:

Please remember to tune in every Sunday morning at 8:00 AM to WCBK 102.3 FM to hear our radio program which is entitled: "Preparing For Eternity".

God's Plan For Our Salvation

Hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32).
Believing what is taught (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6).
Repentance (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30).
Confession (Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37).
Baptism (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; I Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3, 4).
Faithful Christian Living, after the above five steps (I Peter 2:11, 12; Rev. 2:10).

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday

Bible Study – 9:30 AM
Worship – 10:30 AM
Evening Service - 6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study – 6:00 PM

Thursday

Ladies' Bible Study – 11:00 AM (March through October)

Radio Program:

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THE WISDOM OF THE WORLD VS. THE WISDOM OF GOD

Why do some people not receive the truth about Jesus and His wonderful redemption? People who think they are wise tend to trust in themselves.

Humanity is not on God's level. It never has been and never will be. The Lord God is the Creator and we are the created. When it comes to comprehension, the Bible says God's "understanding is infinite" (Psalm 147:5). Man's knowledge cannot compare to the Almighty's. The Lord affirms that His ways and His thoughts are above those of man's (Isa. 55:8-9). Simply put, man does not always think and see things in the same way that the God of heaven does, and our thinking is no match for His.

The first-century city of Corinth was located in Greece. Folks who lived in that culture put a premium on philosophy and human wisdom. Paul penned the letter to the saints in Corinth which we know as "First Corinthians." In the opening portions of his message he spoke often about wisdom. What kind of wisdom? He mentioned the wisdom of this world and the wisdom of God. How different those two are!

Consider these depictions of the human wisdom that was so prevalent in Corinth when Paul wrote to the church in that city. The apostle called it:

"the wisdom of the wise" (1 Cor. 1:19)

"the wisdom of this world" (1:20)

"wise according to the flesh" (1:26)

"human wisdom" (2:4)

"the wisdom of men" (2:5)

"fleshly wisdom" (2 Cor. 1:12)

Each of those terms points to human wisdom. And, just what did/does the Lord think about the wisdom of this world? The Bible says, "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God" (1 Cor. 3:19). As we stay in the divine message of 1 Corinthians, we learn some truths about the wisdom of this world.

Worldly wisdom mislabels things. When it came to the cross of the Christ and the salvation that comes via His death, man's wisdom labeled that message as "foolishness" (1:18,21,23).

Human wisdom cannot stand against God. He affirmed, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise" (1:19).

Worldly wisdom is made foolish by the Lord, as He inquired, "Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?" (1:20).

By its own brand of wisdom, the world does not know God (1:21).

The wisdom of the world cannot compete with God's, for His so-called foolishness is wiser than men (1:25).

In that same context, in contrast to the world's wisdom, Paul pointed out that God's power and wisdom are on display through the Christ. Per God's plan and wisdom, the cross is the power of God (1:18). The Christ is called "the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1:24). God uses the "foolish" and "weak" things of the world to accomplish His purposes (1:27). That is, He does things His way, even if the world counts His approach as foolish or weak. Paul also stated this sad reality: "...not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble" accept the Gospel message (1:26-28). Why do such people not receive the truth about Jesus and His wonderful redemption? People in those categories tend to trust in themselves. They trust in their own might, in their own intelligence, and in their earthly success and achievements. Concerning the church of God in the city of Corinth, let's look at a few specific topics that show the clear distinction between the viewpoint/position of worldly wisdom and God's wisdom.

The wisdom of the world said fornication is good, but God's wisdom said to flee fornication (1 Cor. 6:18).

Man's wisdom said it was good to worship idols, but God's wisdom said to flee idolatry (1 Cor. 10:14).

Corinth, employing earthly wisdom, was well-known for combining idolatry with fornication. In clear contrast, the Lord said that neither fornicators nor idolaters will inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor. 6:9-10). In other words, both activities have horrible eternal consequences. In Corinth, this world's wisdom said there is no way there can be a bodily resurrection, but God's wisdom affirms that "the dead will be raised" (1 Cor. 15:52).

In modern times, man's wisdom says all religious belief systems are equally good, but God's wisdom says that Jesus is the only Savior (Acts 4:12). Satan's wisdom says God accepts all churches, but God's wisdom says He bought and possesses only one (Acts 20:28).

May each of us have the courage to humble ourselves, deny ourselves, and submit ourselves to the wisdom of God. We will never regret such a decision! -- Roger Campbell