

Hebron Happenings

A Note from Jason,

What does it mean to be wise? On September 11th we will begin a sermon series on the book of Proverbs. The series will seek to help us answer this question and point us in the direction of living a life of wisdom. Why look to proverbs? What wisdom looks like is what Proverbs is all about. At the beginning of the book of Proverbs it states its purpose:

*for gaining wisdom and instruction;
for understanding words of insight;
³ for receiving instruction in prudent behavior,
doing what is right and just and fair;
⁴ for giving prudence to those who are simple,
knowledge and discretion to the young—
⁵ let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance—
⁶ for understanding proverbs and parables,
the sayings and riddles of the wise. (Proverbs 1:2-6 NIV)*



So, the purpose of Proverbs is to help us gain insight in living a life that is prudent, right and fair. Now to be prudent simply means acting in a way that shows care or thought for the future. In other words, making decisions with the future consequences in mind. Acting in the right way means doing the correct thing and I'm pretty sure we all know or think we know what it means to act in a fair or equitable way towards others.

But here is the claim of Proverbs – we aren't wise naturally – we need to be trained in and grow into wisdom. This training begins with a proper understanding and respect for God as Proverbs goes on to say in verse 7: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." So if we want to be truly wise in our lives we should recognize our need for instruction and training in wisdom and how true wisdom works itself out in the world. This will be the goal of the sermon series, to help us consider what wisdom looks like and how it is lived out in our daily lives – allowing the instruction of Proverbs to guide and teach us along the way. I hope you will join us!

God Bless,

Jason

Hospitality Sign-up

There's a new hospitality signup in the church entrance. Come be a part of the team welcoming our church family and visitors on Sunday mornings!! There are some updated suggestions for how to do this task—nothing too strenuous!!

September Special Services:

- September 18: Worship at the Pavilion and Pet Blessing. Join us for worship at 11am and feel free to bring your pet or a picture of your pet for the blessing!

Christian Education Update:

Adult Sunday School begins on September 11 and is led by Larry Shoup. We meet at 10 in the Snyder Room (upstairs meeting room). Our initial study focuses on how we share the hope we have as Christians to a world that desperately needs it. Deaths of despair, an utter lack of hope, have increased dramatically yet fewer and fewer people find hope in faith in God. Our young people have abandoned the church. We struggle to pass our faith on to our children. Together we will explore concrete ways to share our faith in a non threatening, non confrontational manner. We'll learn how to follow the admonition in 1 Peter 3:15-16, "And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way."



Show and Tell Luncheon—October 16th

Do you remember your grade school days when you were asked to bring something to school and then got a chance to show and tell about it to the rest of the class? Now is your chance to relive those days!

We will have a church dinner after church on October 16 in which you can show and tell about something that is important to you. This dinner is a joint effort of the Deacons and the Congregational Life Committee. We will have a lot of fun while we get to better know each other. Start thinking about what you want to "show and tell" .



More Photos needed for the bulletin

We've had some really lovely photos on the front of our bulletins. If you are curious about who took the photo, you can find the credit on the back of the bulletin. If you have photos you would like to submit, send them to our administrative assistant, Sam Blattner using the church e-mail: hebronchurch1767@gmail.com



Game Night September 17th at 6:30pm

Join us on the 17th for a fun night of playing games and sharing snacks. All ages are welcome and everyone is invited to bring a snack and a favorite game to play.

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