

July 23, 2023



FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

PROVERBS

- A. What is the beginning of knowledge? (A=Prov. 1.7)
- _____
- B. What happens when we do not choose the Fear of The LORD and hate knowledge? (Answer: Proverb 1.26)
- _____
- C. Prov. 2.6-8, "For The LORD gives _____; from his mouth come _____ and _____; he stores up sound _____ for the upright; he is a _____ to those who walk in _____, guarding the paths of _____ and watching over the way of his _____.

How did you do on the quiz? Arguably one of the most important of the three questions about was A. The Fear of The LORD: This is the basis of knowledge. I imagine "B" was tricky and unless you spend a significant time in The Book, or it caught your attention in the past; it was a challenging question. It was also buried amidst personified Wisdom jealously retaliating for people rejection Wisdom and GOD's call to listening and obedience. Wisdom would be hurt if people rejected The Lord because of Prov. 8:22, "22The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. 23 Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. 24 When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water." Wisdom seems hurt because of the sears and pain of a gift that is so heedlessly rejected by people who are complacent and do not care. Prov. 1.20, "Wisdom cries ...raises her voice...she cries out...she speaks..." Wisdom wants to be discovered. Wisdom knows her value and she wants to find you and wants you to find her. Where did she raise her voice and cry out and speak? Prov. 1.20, "...in the street...in the markets...the head of the noisy streets...entrance of the city gates..."

Are you listening for her voice? These Proverbs help us to understand how to live a meaningful and joyous life for The Lord, how to hone the skill of making strong and healthy decisions, how to navigate life and so much more. The Book of Proverbs helps us to understand how to think, process, discuss, laugh, discern and draws us to matters that are seemingly seldom heard in life these days: righteousness, wisdom, understanding, insight, integrity, justice, upright, knowledge, equity, wise dealing, prudence and guidance.

Pursue GOD and pursue wisdom. A wonderful way to gather these concepts is to jump in and think on these matters and obey GOD's Will. Trying to boil down the principles contained within this book and remove GOD would be vanity. It is about the journey, the process, shaping your thinking, molding your mind to be a skilled thinker for The LORD. It is not some cheap self-help book in an old trunk. I hope you enjoy the adventure.

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Worship: Sunday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm; Bible Class 10:15 am; Wednesday: 6:30 pm

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM: 300 / On Line Views: 195
Sunday School: 235 / On Line Views: N/A
Sunday PM: 208 / On Line Views: 281
Wednesday: 211 / On Line Views: 180
Budget: \$14,620
Contribution: \$ 12,503

JULY MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

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MEETINGS

The Elders and Deacons Meeting and also the Men’s Meeting scheduled for Sunday, July 30th has been moved to Sunday, August 6th.

MISSION TRIP

Please keep everyone in your prayers, that is traveling to Eastpoint, Florida for a Mission Trip, this week.

RETIREMENT

Sonya Cox has informed the elders, that after 15 years as the church secretary, she will be retiring on November 2nd. She is ready to enjoy life, especially as a grandmother. Please congratulate Sonya and thank her for the years of service and love she has given this congregation. As her retirement date nears, we will plan a celebration.

CONGRATULATIONS

Will and Lydia Hodge are the proud parents of a little boy. Grier Posey Hodge was born on Thursday, July 13th. He weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and measured 21.5 inches long. Proud big brother: Greyson.

Also, Embree Wright, daughter of Mark & Ginger Vanhorn, was baptized Sunday Night, July 16th by Mark. Please welcome her into the family of God.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark these upcoming events on your calendars and make plans to attend: **Teachers Workshop**, September 15th -16th (at our building with Kirk Brothers, Ed Gallagher, Arvy Dupuy & Michael Jackson), and the **Church-wide Retreat**, October 13th -15th , at Maywood.

LADIES OVER FOOD FOR SICK

We are in need of some ladies that are willing to call people to provide food for ones that are sick or have had surgeries or babies. You only have to do this for a month. The months that are needed are: September, October, November, & December. If you can help with this, please see Sonya Cox asap.

AREA EVENTS IN JULY

VBS at Petersville Church of Christ, July 24-26, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Pre-K through 6th grade

Gospel Meeting at Center Hill Church of Christ, July 23-27, Speaker Ben Bailey, Sunday AM 9:00, Sunday PM 1:00, Monday-Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Annual Singing at North Carolina Church of Christ, Friday, July 28, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

2 Timothy 3:16 – All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for instruction, for conviction, for correction, and for training in righteousness,