

Family & Friends..... April 10, 2024

“He Leadeth Me” is a hymn written by Joseph Henry Gilmore in 1862. A young preacher at the age of 28 was invited to preach in Philadelphia on a Wednesday night in 1862. He set out to give the people an exposition of the Twenty Third Psalm. These were dark days in American history as the Civil War was still raging. The American people were concerned about their families and friends who were fighting. He focused on the thought, “He Leadeth Me,” from that Psalm and God’s leadership. He said the words took hold of him that night as never before. He saw the significance and beauty in the darkness of the war of rebellion. He went to the home of a deacon after the service for fellowship. He wrote the hymn while there on a piece of paper and handed it to his wife. She later sent the poem to a weekly Christian magazine. Three years later, at another church, while picking up a hymnal, it fell open to the hymn he had written. Surprised, he asked his wife about it. She smiled and told him she felt the words would bless the hearts of people in those troublesome times, so she sent it in. We were blessed with another beautiful hymn from long ago that keeps on going!

*Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day. (Psalm 25:5)*

We are always thankful for our visitors: Deanna White (Warner, OK), Jeff & Tammy Haskins (Lebanon, TN), Brenda Wild (Rogers), Jeanne Melton (Bentonville), Ted Irby (BV)

Those on our prayer list: Our heartfelt sympathies go to Kacie White in the loss of her grandmother and Lyndsay White in the loss of her grandfather. Keep the families in your prayers. John Bowman will have pacemaker surgery on April 15th. Barbara May is recovering from knee surgery. Continue to remember and pray for Amy Rooney, Doug Klingman, Susan Duffy, and Lou Rue Crawford.

Items needed for Children’s Home: Pork & Beans, BBQ & Taco sauce, cookie mix, tuna, and Cascade. Food pantry: Canned vegetables – green peas, corn, mixed vegetables, pinto beans, diced tomatoes – large peanut butter and large cans of green beans, syrup, raisins, pop tarts, cereal, Hamburger Helper, Spam, Vienna sausages, macaroni, snacks for kids, and canned potatoes.

God understands the struggles we face. Love you, stay safe.

*Karen*

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<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:15 AM
Early Worship	9:30 AM
Bible Class (Livestreamed)	10:30 AM
Worship (Livestreamed)	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:45 AM
Ladies' Class	7:00 PM
Bible Classes (Livestreamed)	



**Seeking Wisdom**

Wisdom, this idea of being a wise person, is something that all of us want and frankly, something all of us need. But what exactly is it? Wisdom can be defined as knowledge of what is right and true, and acting accordingly. It is more than just knowledge; it is coupled with action. Maybe another way of thinking about it would be that living a wise life is living a good life. That seems to be something that everyone wants in some way or another. But where can this wisdom, this finding of what is right and true, be found? It seems reasonable that the one who designed life should be the one to give direction on what is a good life. In other words, when it comes to finding wisdom, we look to Jesus.

In Matthew 7, we hear Jesus contrast two types of people, the wise and the foolish. *“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”* (Matthew 7.24-27 ESV)

**LIFELINES**



Jesus says that wisdom can be found in not just hearing what he teaches, but by hearing them and putting them into practice. In other words, wisdom can be found in really listening to what he says. Because, when we really listen to Jesus, we will find that his words lead us into action. It is not just about knowing what Jesus says; it is all about doing what he says. So, what are some things that we can do to help us really hear what God has to say?

**The fear of the Lord  
is the beginning of  
wisdom; all those  
who practice it have  
a good understanding  
His Praise  
endures forever!**

**Psalm 111:10**

To begin with, we need to be listening for God continually. We need to be devoted to the study of the word. We need to constantly, continually seek to find what God has left for us to find. We need to constantly, continually seek to grow in our knowledge of God. Time spent in listening to God speak to us through His word needs to be a daily occurrence. We can't possibly have a deep and meaningful relationship with the God who loves us enough to come and rescue us unless we commit to know as much about Him and His will for our lives as we can.

We also need to listen to God's Word prayerfully. God has left us a message. He breathed it out to the authors of the Bible that we hold in our hands. This message, the meanings that are left in scripture may take some effort on our part to find. Since the message is from God, why would we not ask him to help us in uncovering the meaning? Every time we approach scripture it should be after we have approached God and asked him to help us find what he has left for us. Then after we have read, we ask again for him to help us to know if we are on the right track, and for help in putting into practice what we have heard.

In order to be counted among the wise to which Jesus refers, we need to listen to Him honestly. We all bring our own biases and opinions to scripture. Our pasts, our traditions, the teachings we have heard, all color our view of scripture. We need to do our best to come to scripture, looking for it to change us. Far too many times in my life, I have found myself using the Bible to reinforce my own positions, whether they are right or wrong. I don't think I'm alone in this. Many times we come to the Bible for confirmation, instead of transformation. Instead of just looking to confirm our own opinions, we need to be honest in what we find and be willing to make changes necessary in order to live up to what God expects of his people. May God bless us as we strive to not just hear what he says, but as we put his words into practice.



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-JEFF GRISHAM



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**SUNDAY SERVANTS April 14, 2024**

**First Service**

Welcome, Prayer & Scripture .....Phillip Strickhausen    Song Leader .....Stephen Hunt  
 Greeters .....Chad Dobbs, Roy Barnica, Phil Ward    Communion Scripture & Prayer..... Ray Reiss  
 Closing Prayer.....Steven Ashcraft  
 Nursery Workers ..... Brenda Tucker, Alana Tucker

**Second Service**

Welcome, Prayer & Scripture.....Mitchell Whittington    Song Leader ..... Kyle Dillard  
 Greeters ..... Terry Balentine, Eric Gibson, John Bowman    Communion Scripture & Prayer..... Nathan McCurry  
 Closing Prayer.....Ray Reiss  
 Nursery Workers ..... Wanda James, Jennifer Royer    Van Driver ..... Kyle Dillard

**April Worship Coordinators**

Worship Coordinator ..... Mike Lunsford    Streaming Coordinator .....Aaron Sloan  
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