



*From the Pastor...*

## How Can I Grow in Wisdom?

-Kyle Borg, *Ligonier Ministries*

The Bible teaches us that we live in a world of mutually exclusive things, among which are wisdom and folly. These two represent contrasting paths that shape the lives of individuals. Wisdom is associated with the path of life and folly with the way of death.

Wisdom is often defined as practical knowledge or the skillful application of knowledge. As Christians, we need to take this a step further by remembering the words of Solomon: “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge” (Prov. 1:7). Biblically, wisdom applies the knowledge of God to life, or to express it another way, wisdom is the skill of godly living.

That skill is needed in every area of life. We are to have wisdom in our words, relationships, households, vocations, emotions, sexuality, leadership, citizenship, plans, and management and use of resources. There is nothing in our day-to-day routine that does not need wisdom, because our aim is to live skillfully in all things for the honor and glory of God.

But how can we grow in wisdom? Maybe it is helpful to think about how we grow in any skill. When we want to learn to do something well, it takes intentional effort, instruction, and implementation. Growing in the skill of wisdom is no different.

### **Intentional Effort**

The skill of wisdom is both something we ask for and something we seek. Ultimately, wisdom is a benefit given to us in Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul says that hidden in Jesus are “all treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Col. 2:3). Our Lord possesses that wisdom for the sake of His elect, as Paul says

elsewhere, He “became to us wisdom from God” (1 Cor. 1:30). Adopted into the family of God, we have been promised wisdom in Jesus that gives us confidence to ask and assurance that our generous God will give (James 1:5). But the giving of wisdom is not disconnected from means.

The Bible also teaches that growth in wisdom comes through intentional effort. Wisdom is not an innate trait, nor does it come automatically with age. Again, the wise king directs that we must pursue it:

If you seek it like silver  
and search for it as for hidden treasures,  
then you will understand the fear of the Lord  
and find the knowledge of God. (Prov. 2:4–5)

We grow in wisdom by asking and seeking: “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find” (Matt. 7:7).

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## **Instructed by God**

Growing in a skill set also requires instruction, and so it is with wisdom. We learn about wisdom from God's Word and world. The Bible says,

For the Lord gives wisdom;  
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. (Prov. 2:6)

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Instruction from the Scriptures comes in many ways, but the Bible consistently emphasizes the value of parents instructing their children in wisdom. This is clearly modeled by Solomon, as the first part of Proverbs takes the form of a father instructing his son. He says:

Hear, O sons, a father's instruction,  
and be attentive, that you may gain insight,  
for I give you good precepts;  
do not forsake my teaching.  
When I was a son with my father,  
tender, the only one in the sight of my mother,  
he taught me and said to me,  
"Let your heart hold fast my words." (Prov. 4:1–4).

We are also encouraged by the example of Timothy, who from childhood knew the Scriptures that were able to make him wise for salvation (2 Tim. 3:15). There is good reason to think that he had been attentive to the instruction of his mother and grandmother as they taught him that wisdom (see 2 Tim. 1:5).

Creation is also a book that can instruct us about the wisdom of God. This is because Wisdom had a part in creation and so Wisdom's thumbprint is everywhere (Prov. 8:22–31). Memorably, the words of Agur near the end of Proverbs say,

Four things on earth are small,  
but they are exceedingly wise. (Prov. 30:24–28)

He goes on to name the wisdom of the ant, badger, locust, and lizard. Even the small and insignificant parts of creation instruct us in principles for skilled and godly living.

## **Implementing Wisdom**

No skill is attained or strengthened unless we are committed to doing it. Solomon said,

My son, do not forget my teaching,  
but let your heart keep my commandments. (Prov. 3:1)

This is why wisdom and folly are likened to a pathway—the whole point of a road is to set your feet upon it and walk. If we want to grow in wisdom, we must practice wisdom, being not only hearers but doers of it. As we do, we may move forward slowly, but our growth is promised:

The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,  
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.  
The way of the wicked is like deep darkness;  
they do not know over what they stumble. (Prov. 4:18–19)

February Birthdays

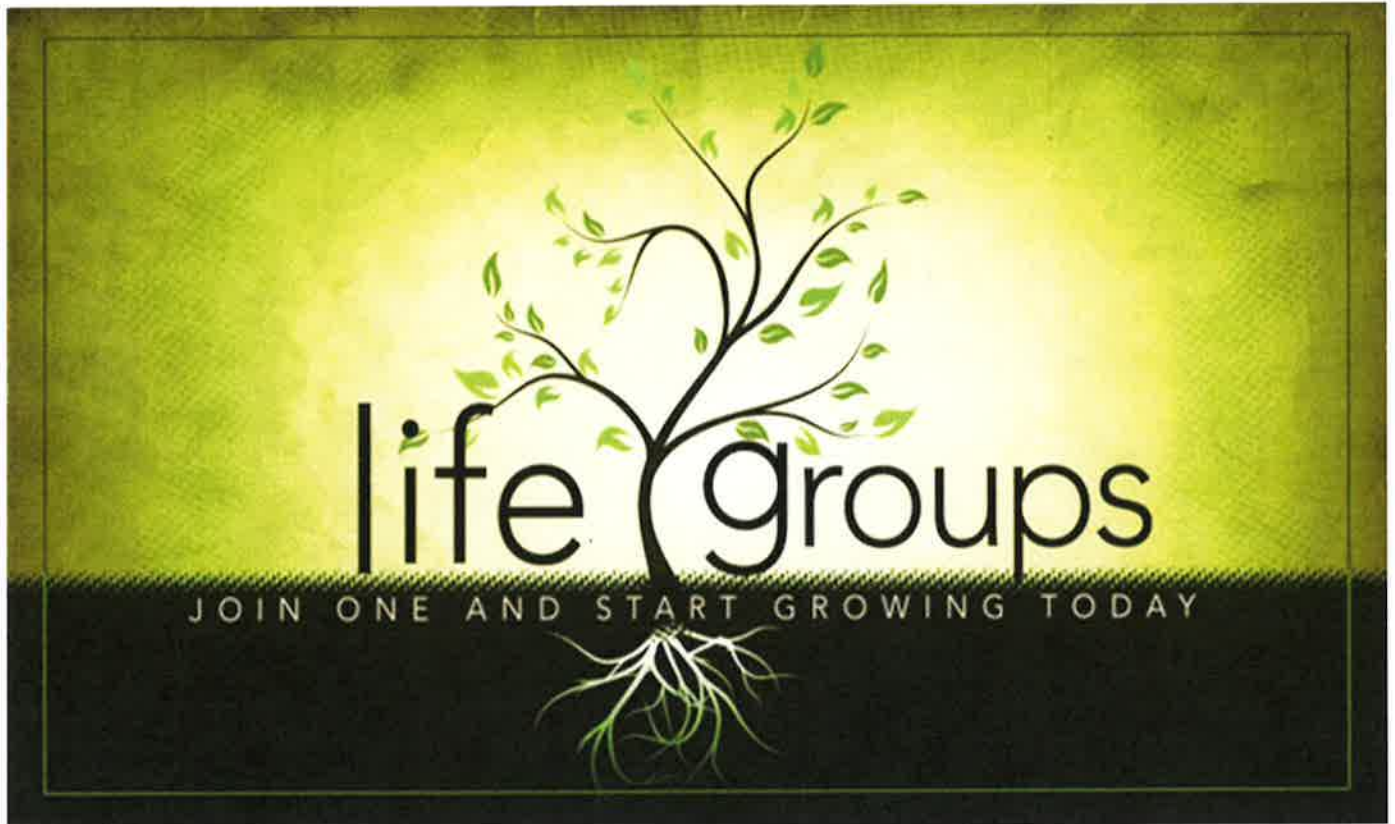
1<sup>st</sup> Laura Brasser

6<sup>th</sup> Paul King

14<sup>th</sup> Barb Massey

23<sup>rd</sup> Hallie Beaty

27<sup>th</sup> Rog Vercruysse



**Life Groups Started up on January 14<sup>th</sup>!**

Our quarterly small group ministry is here again! Winter Quarter Life Groups began January 14<sup>th</sup> and continue weekly through March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Your Life Group leader will be reaching out to share details about the meeting times and locations.

If you are NOT in a Life Group, contact pastor Aaron and we will make sure you find one!

May the Lord bless us as we seek to draw near to Him in Worship and through small groups!



Hi everyone!

I have moved into my new place to live. It is a lovely place - a reconvered resort hotel. I am meeting so many new people - hard to remember their names. There are many activities to participate in but I am still trying to unpack boxes and find a place for everything. We do have a church service every Sunday which I attend but I have been spoiled by Aaron's sermons - which I can thankfully listen to every week.

I do miss everyone and think of you all often. If you are interested, go to The Atrium at Serenity Pointe.

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## MISSION MEMO

The Mission Committee is developing a **MATERNITY WARD MINISTRY** and we need the help of all you crafty creators.

Our plan is to provide a small "Congratulations/Welcome" gift bag to new moms at Sky Lakes Medical Center. It occurred to some of us that there is something special about a handmade baby blanket, yet not that many have a parent or grandparent who make those kinds of things any longer. We're calling upon the "granny brigade" at Peace Memorial to fill that void by crocheting, knitting or quilting a receiving blanket-sized gift ( around 26" x 33" size).

We'll toss in a couple of niceties for the new mom and a card from our church. If you're willing to make these treasures, let Geri Coker or any member of the Mission Committee (Kathy Todd, Jan Vercruysse, Linda Dart, Noreen Rhoades).

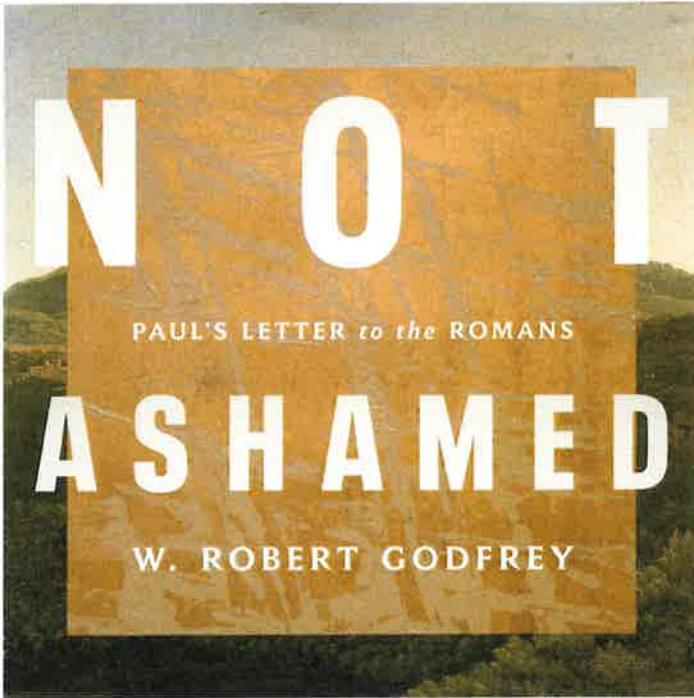
I have a pattern for an easy-to-make Jaime Blanket to share. And ask your fellow crafters. Once we have a stock of blankets, we'll be able to get going.

# February 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 26	27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1
2 9:00am Sunday Bible Class (Fireside Room) 10:30am Communion	3	4 10:00am Women's Small Group (Fireside Room) 2:30pm King Life Group	5 2:15pm Peace Ringer Rehearsal 3:30pm Peace Singers Rehearsal	6	7 Office Closed	8
9 9:00am Sunday Bible Class (Fireside Room) 10:30am Worship	10 12:00pm Session	11 10:00am Women's Small Group (Fireside Room) 2:30pm King Life Group	12 10:30am PMWVG 2:15pm Peace Ringer Rehearsal 3:30pm Peace Singers Rehearsal	13 8:00am Bring items to Hospice for Bakesale (Klamath Hospice Inc (2751 Washburn Way, 10:30am Missions & Outreach	14 Office Closed 5:30am Klamath Hospice Valentine Bakesale (SLMC Lobby)	15
16 9:00am Sunday Bible Class (Fireside Room) 10:30am Worship 11:30am Deacons	17 4:00pm Stewardship/Finance	18 10:00am Women's Small Group (Fireside Room) 11:00am Discipleship Mtg 2:30pm King Life Group	19 2:15pm Peace Ringer Rehearsal 3:30pm Peace Singers Rehearsal	20	21 Office Closed	22
23 9:00am Sunday Bible Class (Fireside Room) 10:30am Worship	24 1:00pm Building & Grounds	25 10:00am Women's Small Group (Fireside Room) 2:30pm King Life Group	26 Articles due to the office for Newsletter 12:30pm PMWVG Bible Study 2:15pm Peace Ringer 3:30pm Peace Singers	27	28 Office Closed	Mar 1

## Sunday Bible Class:



Join us Sundays from 9-10 in the Fireside room!

### **KLAMATH HOSPICE,**

one of our designated mission programs, is having their annual **VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE** on Friday, February 14, from 5:30 am to 2 pm at the Sky Lakes Medical Center main lobby. If you've recovered from all your Christmas goody making and are itching to get going again, they want your sweet treats! If you'd like to help out, bring your tasty treats to Klamath Hospice, 2751 Washburn Way, between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm on Thursday, February 13th. Just note they cannot accept any treats that need refrigeration. Thank you for your support of our local Hospice.

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## Stewardship & Finance Committee

### December 2024

Here is our monthly update on finance:

Operating Income:.....	\$15,280.52
Operating Expenses:.....	\$11,415.72
Monthly Net:.....	\$ 3,864.80
YTD /Net:.....	\$ 240.32
<b>Checking</b> 12/31/24:.....	\$39,007.93
<b>Money Market</b> 12/31/24:.....	\$30,614.98
<b>Edward Jones CD</b> 12/31/24:...	\$21,709.47
<b>Edward Jones MM</b> 12/31/24:	\$35,794.34
<b>TOTAL</b> 11/30/24:.....	<b>\$127,126.72</b>

Expenses in December beyond regular operations: Website fees, Quickbooks-Intuit annual fee, Local Missions, Guest Musicians, and Piano Maintenance. We ended 2024 in the black, and final figures will be in the Annual Report as well as the approved 2025 budget.

*Kathy Todd*


**HAPPY**  
 Valentine's  
**DAY** 





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"Give thanks in every  
circumstance, for this  
is God's will for you  
in Christ Jesus."

-1 Thessalonians 5:18



## DEACONS

Paul King - Chair

Debbie Grant

Jocelyn Shellito

Sharon Haddock

Marie Gregory

Marjorie Divine

*The Deacons meet the third Sunday of each  
month following worship.*



## Sermons for February:

### The Sermon on the Mount

2/2 - Ask and it Will Be Given  
*Matthew 7:7-11*

### III John

2/9 - Love and Prayers  
*3 John 1-4*

*Ps. 119 wāw 41-48*

2/16- Blessings of an Equipper  
*3 John 5-8*

*Ps. 119 Zayin 49-56*

2/23- Discipline of the Wicked  
*3 John 9-11*

*Ps. 119 Heth 57-64*



## SESSION/ELDERS

Pastor Aaron Beaty- Moderator

Geri Coker- Mission, Stewardship &  
Finance

Betty Shaw- Worship

Sandi Deatherage- Building & Grounds Clerk

Pat Gregory- Discipleship & Evangelism

Gary Scott- Building & Grounds

Session Staff positions:

Kathy Todd- Treasurer

Betty Shaw- Financial Secretary