

A REVERSAL OF WISDOM

Proverbs 19:1

Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than he who is perverse in his speech and is a fool.

It is truly amazing how we turn away from God's wisdom. In fact, we not only turn away from it, we turn to its complete opposite. We would be well served to remember, the opposite of wisdom is foolishness.

We would do well to consider Proverbs 19:1. "Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than he who is perverse in speech and is a fool." When I listen to some people, I find myself asking "whatever happened to integrity?"

Ironically, there are a lot of people who seem to value a rich man who could be described as one who is "perverse in speech." If someone constantly makes the most outlandish statements and quickly has to retract them, integrity is lacking. How can you determine what someone really means when, repeatedly, intemperate statements are followed up with the disclaimer "I didn't really mean that?"

The subsequent verses in Proverbs 19 are equally enlightening. "Also it is not good for a person to be without knowledge, and he who hurries his footsteps errs. The foolishness of man ruins his way, and his heart rages against the Lord" (Proverbs 19:2, 3).

God forbid that I should be better known for unwise words than for integrity. May I never prize the unwise lack of restraint shown by some today. The foolish of such a man ruins, not only his way, but the way of others also.

--**Ron Harper**--

What if Jesus Came Today?

“But as for me, I will watch expectantly for the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me.”—Micah 7:7

It was the Christmas Eve of all Christmases. There was snow in the forecast, hot chocolate ready to be made, and Santa was on his way. In all the perfection of the evening, there was one thing Billy was concerned about. He had asked for a puppy. The problem was that he knew Santa only made **toys** in his shop. How could he bring Billy the puppy? Nonetheless, Billy continued hoping, fully expecting the puppy to be under the tree the next morning.

It was difficult to sleep with all the excitement of the night. Billy laid in his cozy bed imagining his reaction to the gift. Would he be speechless or would he shout with joy? As he dozed off to sleep, he would soon find out.

Morning arrived with a snow-covered ground and the smell of Christmas pancakes cooking in the kitchen. Billy rushed downstairs to see his gifts. Before he could wipe the sleep from his eyes, he heard a high pitched “woof” from under the tree. It had happened! What Billy had waited and hoped for so long had finally come to reality. There was no happier boy than Billy on that cold Christmas day.

After last week’s evening service, I was moved to read the book of Micah. (If you haven’t heard the sermons from last week, go on the website and listen to them both. You will be blessed by it.) As I continued to read, verse seven of chapter seven stood out to me. How often are we, like Billy, fully expecting and waiting for the greatest thing to happen to us? How often are we watching expectantly for the Lord? Sometimes, the return of our savior is a scary thing to think about. Are we ready? What will we do? What will it be like? Will we be excited? The answer is simply: it depends...

It depends on where you are at the moment of his return, and I don’t mean your physical location. I mean if you are in or out of the body of Christ, which is his church. If you are not in his church, you have not obeyed the gospel that he made possible through his death, burial, and resurrection. Jesus requires obedience to that gospel. The only way to obey this gospel is to be baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38) and thus you are added to the body of Christ (Colossians 1:18).

If we are in Christ, we should be eagerly waiting the coming of our Lord. If we are not, well that is cause for concern. Micah says, “I will wait for the God of my salvation.” God still offers salvation today through his son Jesus Christ. Are we waiting for him to come back or are we hoping for another day?

Joshua Houston

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

SICK

Wayne Dodd - surgery
Jeannetta Acklin - sinus infection

TAKING TREATMENTS

Lois Arnold, Carolyn Thomas, Janneil Brown

SHUT INS

Rita Reed, Mabel Robertson, Houston Henry,
Oleta Bullard

PRAYER REQUEST:

Shirley Bibb, Opal Jones, Dan & Lorene Stephens,
Wayne Mobbs, Marie Fleming, Lorene Maddox,
Imogene Bozeman, Selma Boyd, Janneil Brown,
Gerald Wiseman, Jeanie Young, Oleta Bullard,
Mabel Robertson, Wayne Dodd, Ernestine Taylor,
Jeannetta Acklin, Melanie Martin, Brittany Bullard,
Laura Montgomery

NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

*MEMBERS

ADAMS PLACE: Nora Fann*

DIVERSICARE OF SMYRNA: Jean Nickens*

NHC: Sue Reeves*, Lizzie Bush, Geri Melton*,
Ernestine Taylor*

STONES RIVER MANOR: Edna Vance*, Virgie
Leonard*, Margaret Davidson*, Jeweldean Hall*,
Laura Wiser*, Lillian Whitworth, Louise McKnight*,
Martha DeVore

MILITARY

Please keep **Tony Berry** in your prayers, while
he is stationed in California at Camp
Pendleton.

***Visitors** - We are happy you chose
to worship with us today! Please fill
out a visitor's card and place it in the
collection plate.

BUILDING FUND

We have received donations to the
Building Fund in memory of **Mary Jo
Rogers** by the following:

***James Talley**

***Sharon King**

***Rich & Phyl Love**

***Rebecca Comer**

***Stan & Mandy Trevathan**

***Midway church of Christ**

***Clifford & Brenda Williams**

NEWS & NOTES

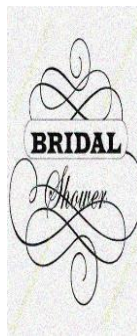
Welcome back! We are so glad to see
Mallory Bowman back home safe &
sound. She arrived back in the states
Tuesday night.

***Wednesday A.M. Ladies class** will
resume on *April 6th*.

***All December & May Graduates** please
submit 20-25 photos or digital pictures on
disc to Tammy Berry or Tammy Glidden.

***MTCs** - Admissions Open House -
Sunday, April 17th at 2:30 p.m.

***Ladies Day** at East Main church of
Christ on Saturday, April 30th.



A Bridal Shower is
planned in honor of
Madison Pepper on
Sunday, April 10th from 2-
4 p.m. at the church
building. Madison is
registered at Bed, Bath &
Beyond, Target and Wal-
Mart. She is the daughter
of **Alan & Agnes Pepper**.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday	
Morning Worship	9:00 am
Bible Classes	10:15 am
Evening Worship	5:30 pm
Wednesday	
Ladies Morning Bible Class	10:00 am
Evening Bible Classes	6:30 pm

ELDERS

B.K. Ham
Jim Hatfield
Jon Holland
Andy Mitchell
Randall Phifer
Keith Short

MINISTER

Ron Harper

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Joshua Houston

DEACONS

Larry Benson Andy Melton
Michael Bowman Brian Melton
Craig Buckner Alan Pepper
Bob Hoover Wendell Wilson

FOR THE RECORD

March 27, 2016

Sunday	AM worship	270
	Bible classes	194
	PM worship	140
	Contribution	\$7,002.05

Wednesday PM Bible classes **111**

Wednesday AM Ladies Class (Sept-May) **0**

**When county schools are closed due to inclement weather
AM Ladies Class will be cancelled**

GREETERS

Please be at the door 15
minutes prior to services!



April 3

Dorothy Stroop

April 10

Chris Martin
Drew & Amanda Mitchell

To Our Honored Guests...

We are happy you chose to worship with us today! Please stay after our assembly so that we can get acquainted with you and your family. We invite you to come back as often as you have opportunity!

We were honored by your presence!