

Ecclesia

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY AND GOD'S WORK AT KENWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH



Fall Sermon Series

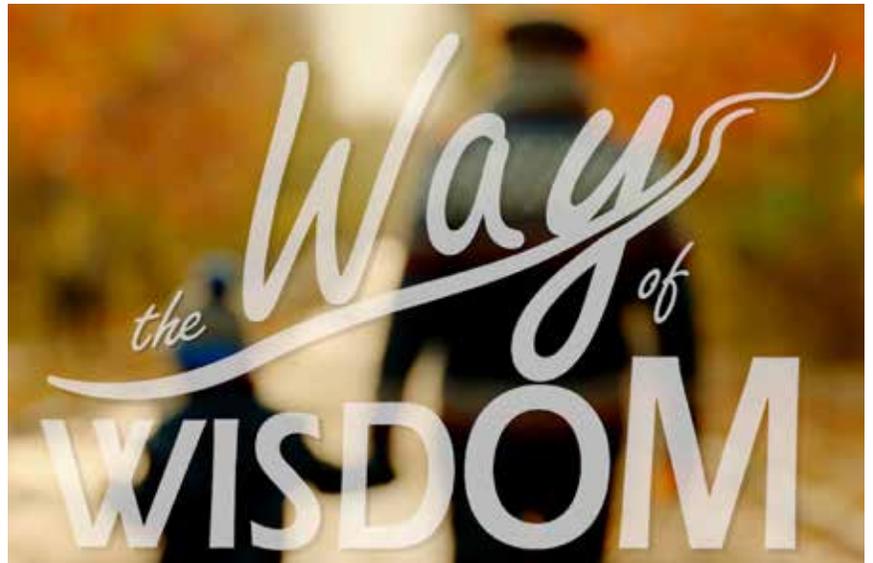
THE WAY OF WISDOM

Our fall series “The Way of Wisdom” directs our attention to God’s wisdom for our lives. There is a great distance between information and wisdom, consumption and character, mobility and maturity. Four distinct books form the wisdom literature of the Old Testament – Proverbs, Song of Songs, Ecclesiastes, and Job. Each one contributes life-giving steps along the way of the wise.

Biblical wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord. In Proverbs 1:7, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.” Why fear? Why not “The love of God is the beginning of wisdom”? As Tremper Longman III explains, “The fear of the Lord is the sense of standing before the God who created everything, including humans whose very continued existence depends on him. The emotion is appropriate for wisdom because it demonstrates acknowledgment that God is so much greater than we are. He takes our breath away and makes our knees knock together. Such fear breeds humility and signals a willingness to receive instruction from God. This fear is not the fear that makes us run, but it is the fear that makes us pay attention and listen. Fear of the Lord makes us humble, a wisdom trait, rather than proud and ‘wise in our own eyes.’”

Proverbs is a collection of wise sayings presented as a father speaking gently to his child. The father’s first major topic is to persuade the son that wisdom is a top priority in life. The father instructs his son across a range of topics, from the value of study and hard work to self-control in speech and appetite. He warns his son about the dangerous way of the fool and admonishes him to embrace wisdom as his close companion. Proverbs cultivates attitudes and behaviors that shape our character as we walk along “the Way of Wisdom.”

The three remaining wisdom books face significant special topics along the way – love, success, and suffering. What does a father need to share about love? The Song of Songs describes God’s wisdom on the joy and delight of marital love. The great emotions between a man and a woman are indeed God’s design. Yet, the brilliance of love must be like a gemstone set within the faithful, covenant bond of marriage. Ecclesiastes explores the challenge of worldly ambition. What does a father need to share about success and the pursuit of happiness? Ecclesiastes wisely recognizes that the unbridled pursuit of wealth, recognition, pleasure, or fame are all “striving after the wind” (Ecc 1:17). True success is found in the fear of God, joy in the work that He has given you, and trust that He will grant our ultimate reward. Job addresses the special topic of suffering. All who walk “the Way of Wisdom” know that life brings difficult seasons of trial, pain, and loss. The book of Job is set as a dramatic encounter where Job discovers that God can be trusted and that His sovereign power and wisdom will prevail in our lives. ■



OUR VISION

As God’s redeemed people, united by faith in Christ, empowered by His Spirit,
we worship God, live by His Word, and join His mission in the world.

THANK YOU!



Thank you to all who Joined His Mission this summer! Not only did we step into Sunday ministries at Kenwood, we spread into the communities around us. We sang with children at VBS. We kicked soccer balls with children during Soccer Camp. We served meals to hundreds of men and women downtown at City Gospel Mission. During the student Serve Our City week, we ran with children with disabilities at Stepping Stones Camp, sorted school supplies at Crayons to Computer, gardened and organized food for the Freestore Foodbank, and rode bikes with students at FOCAS. We continued relationships and met new families in Deer Park during Books and Bites. We talked with families and gave out 400 snow cones during Deer Park Launch 2019. We shared the Gospel with men and women in prison during Behind the Walls. We watched contemporary stories of God's work in Greece in a public theater. We spent time building relationships during

events in the local communities. Praise the Lord that Joining His Mission does not end on August 25 with the end of the sermon series. We are privileged to continue joining His mission in the community and the world as we grow closer to Him. ❏

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL AND DENTAL ASSOCIATION TALK

In partnership with the Christian Medical and Dental Association, Kenwood is hosting Dr. Trish Burgess on Monday, September 30 at 7:00 pm. Dr. Burgess is the Christian Medical and Dental Association's Global Health Outreach Director. She leads international medical mission trips all over the world including Cambodia, Ethiopia, India, Nicaragua, and Peru. Her interests include medical missions, human trafficking amelioration, team leadership, healthcare as a ministry, and global health outreach. Join us as she shares her expertise and experiences with us. Light refreshments and childcare will be provided. Please sign up on our website, our app, or by calling the church office. ❏



Relational · Intentional · Spiritual · Encouragement

for moms

A new Kenwood ministry for moms of all ages! Come join our new ministry, RISE for moms, launching this fall. Our groups meet monthly in a small group setting at host homes. Our groups will be listening to the Risen Motherhood Podcast and walking through corresponding curriculum, focusing on how to thrive through this journey of motherhood.



Our annual Hog Roast, now called Kenwood Fall Festival, is coming up and promises to be another great opportunity to get to know others at Kenwood! It is also a great time to reach out to your friends and neighbors. The Kenwood Fall Festival is moving to September this year to take advantage of cooler weather. As always, we look forward to seeing you there! Please bring a dish to share. Details on what to bring will be announced soon. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 29!

A WORD FROM OUR ELDER'S

By Susan Rice



Moses was tending sheep in the wilderness one day, just as he had for many years, but he was willing to break his routine to check out a certain burning bush. That turned out to be the start of a whole new chapter of his life. New ground ended up being holy ground. In our special combined classes this summer, it was exciting to see so many of us step out of our usual Sunday morning paths to consider what new perspectives God might offer on His mission. We were challenged to learn, pray, go, send, welcome and mobilize. As yet another benefit of the class, even those of us who had been at Kenwood for many years meet someone new. Like Moses, we may be tempted to argue when God asks us to take up a new challenge. We are often satisfied with the level of discipleship we have already reached, but God wants to continue using and changing us throughout our lives. May we bow in worship and join God on His mission.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

By Pastor Sara O'Connor

It has been a spiritually impactful summer of ministry to children and their families! VBS, Soccer Camp, and Children's Summer Sunday School have been great opportunities to grow in our faith and to share Christ with others. I thank God for the wonderful ways He has worked through all of you and our church to make Himself known! It is a privilege to serve with you! Thank you for an awesome summer.



As we look forward to Fall, it is the vision of our Children and Family Ministry to have children grow in their knowledge of God's Word and love for Jesus. Our Children's Sunday School classes will begin Sunday, August 25 when all children move to their new classrooms for Promotion Sunday. There will be an opportunity to meet your children's teachers at the beginning of classes during 2nd service. Our CFM Team is excited about the discipleship for our children this school year!

This Fall, we will have fun discipleship classes on Wednesday nights for children. We launched an Awana Puggles class last spring for children, and this fall we will offer both Awana Puggles and Awana Cubbies classes. These classes will be for children ages 2-6. Children's Choir will resume, and we have plans for another Children's Christmas Musical as part of CFM's Night in Bethlehem. 5th-8th graders can enjoy fellowship and fun together on Wednesday nights in a class just for them, too! I hope you will join for us Wednesday Nights this fall starting on Wednesday, September 11th!

Operation Christmas Child and our annual packing party are right around the corner. The packing party is a fun event for children and their families to pack shoeboxes for children around the world! We will pack shoeboxes together during the 11:00 service on Sunday, November 24th. Please start collecting items for shoeboxes now. We encourage our church family to bring a "WOW! Item" for shoeboxes to the Thanksgiving Dinner. OCC is a great way to serve together as a family and help children around the world know Christ! For more information about OCC and shoeboxes, please see www.samaritanaspurse.org 📄

THE HEART OF WORSHIP

By Alberto Bent

Worship wars have been in full swing in many churches for decades. One group says, "I just can't worship to those old, stuffy hymns," while another group says, "I really wish that we used the organ because without the organ, I just don't feel like I've worshiped."

Both these perceived obstacles to worship are just that, perceived obstacles. In 1999, a young man named Matt Redman composed a song titled *The Heart of Worship*. He asks worshippers to consider what they are bringing to worship. Is music the heart of our worship? The correct answer is that, in fact, the heart of our worship is JESUS.

Louie Giglio, the pastor of Passion City Church in Atlanta, states, "Worship is our response to God for who He is and what He has done..." If worship is the response to God, then music and the singing of songs are just tools that bind our hearts together in unity as we worship our Lord. In another article, Giglio states, "...worship gets our gaze back on the greatness of God in the face of whatever circumstance we're in..." Sometimes the tool for worship takes the form of the arts, but sometimes the tool is a congregation of united hearts, falling on our knees in humility, praying, quoting scripture, observing communion, giving of our financial gifts in support of His church, or teaching from scripture.

"Our response to God, for who He is and what He has done," whether we are responding with singing or some other tool of worship, should be done in love and unity, with humility and passion. Our triune God must remain the object of our worship. In 1 Corinthians 10:14, we are reminded, "Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry." If music, people, instruments, or other created things take the place of our Holy God in worship, then that is simply idolatry and we must keep it at a distance. It is truly the posture of our hearts, not which tool we choose, that transforms us and honors God in worship. 📄

You're Invited

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Annual Meeting
- 11 Wednesday Night Dinners Start
- 12 R.I.S.E. for moms
- 14 Date Night: Escape on the High Sea
- 15 Hymn Sing and Mission Moment
- 19 Women's Bible Study Starts
- 29 Kenwood Family Festival (*Hog Roast*)
- 30 Dr. Trish Burgess Speaks on Medical Missions



OCTOBER

- 12 Date Night: Fall In Love
- 26 Men's Breakfast



NOVEMBER

- 17 Congregational Thanksgiving
- 20 Wednesday Night Dinners End
- 23 Date Night: Sweeter Than Gumdrops
- 28 Office Is Closed

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Take a picture of this with your phone and it will take you where you need to go to download the app!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

All classes run 6:30-7:30 pm, unless otherwise noted.

Israel Trip Preparation (*Sanctuary*)

All are welcome to join as David and Christine Palmer prepare those traveling on the trip they will lead to Israel in January 2020. You will hear about the historical and biblical sites the group will visit.

Philippians (*Chapel*)

A study of discipleship and the book of Philippians using videos and discussion. We will explore ways to disciple others while we are being transformed into more mature disciples. *Lydia Davis and Fred Anderson*

Art Class (*Room 101*)

Creating art is an act of worship. Teachers will lead you through several projects using different mediums. *Vicki Swallen, Susan True, Nancy Wallace, Cathaleen Wells*

Christianity Explored (*Room 226*)

Read the Word to learn the basic tenets of Christianity and ask any questions you want! *Brock Hilliard*

Parenting Is Hard Work (*224*)

Four week class offering a "tune-up" for parents or grandparents in the midst of raising children/teens. Class will repeat in mid-October. *John Jordan*

Cooking Class (*Kitchen*)

Learn basic skills to help you prepare nutritious, low cost, quick meals. The class will include batch cooking, whole food plant based options, along with slow cooker, Instant Pot, and sheet pan dinners. Learn it during class and use it the next day. *Carlene Naughton and Janice Ferguson*

Will You Worship? (*Choir Room*) 6:00-6:30 pm

This six-week study on worship will guide us toward living a life of true worship. Taking this journey will help any believer become a more passionate worshipper. *Alberto Bent*

Choir (*Choir Room*) 6:30-8:15 pm

Join your voices with others to lead Kenwood in worshipping the Lord. No experience necessary. *Alberto Bent*

Praise Band (*Sanctuary*) 8:15-9:30 pm

Alberto Bent

Whiz Kids (*MPR and Room 234*) 6:30-7:30 pm

Mentors tutor and show Christ's love to children while helping them with reading skills. Interested in becoming a mentor? *Scott Burns*

All Children's Classes: 6:30-7:30 pm

Awana Puggles (*Room 201*) For children 2-4 years old

Awana Cubbies (*Room 203*) For children 5-6 years old

5th-8th Grade Discussion Group (*Youth Room*)

Emily Shiverski and Kate Wehmeyer

Children's Choir (*Room 211*) For children ages 4 through 6 grade *Erica Bardeau*

Childcare (*202*) Birth through 2