



# Wildwood Church of Christ

November 1, 2020

## Welcome and Announcements

Song: # 401 We Will Glorify

Song: #929 This Is My Father's World

Prayer

Song: #332 Years I Spent In Vanity

Lord's Supper

Song: #769 Ancient Words

Sermon: Alertness and Wisdom

Song: #910 Will Jesus Find Us Watching?

Song: #610 God Bless You, Go With God

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## *Wisdom Is Key*

When it comes to living the Christian life, do you have the necessary "skill for living" such a life? The book of Proverbs encourages us to get advice from the wise, "**a wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel...**" (**Proverbs 1:5**). Our scripture text for today's lesson says, "See then that you walk carefully, not as fools but as wise" (**Ephesians 5:15**). Wisdom in the Bible is the "skill for living" as the Psalmist explains. The Hebrew word translated "wisdom" is the same word that is translated "skill" in reference to the amazing and detailed works of Bezalel and Aholiab in constructing the tabernacle (**Exodus 31:1-11**).

When it comes to the many challenges of life, like for example: Is this the person I should marry; Is this the right job for me now; Is this the right person to vote for; Is this the place I want to live; Who should you listen to for advice? A wise person will take his/her direction from those who follow God's word. A passage we should all remember from the Old Testament is Psalm chapter 1. The writer says, "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly (wicked), nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night (**Psalms 1:1-2**). In our scripture text for today, Paul also urges Christians to redeem the time, because the days (then and now) are evil. Therefore do not be unwise but understand what the will of the Lord is" (**Ephesians 5:16-17**). Now you know how to improve your skill for living in a messed up and evil world.

A wise person will take the time to consider their walk as a Christian and be attentive to self-analysis for his own Christian growth. It's very important that we be honest with ourselves and God about our direction in life. Any traveler must be attentive to their direction and progress if they hope to arrive at their destination (Heaven for example).

It's always good to ask ourselves questions as we journey with other believers.

\* Am I imitating God from day to day?

\* Do I do things that grieve the Holy Spirit?

\* Do I, with purpose, seek to please the Lord in words and actions?

You, as a believer and follower of the Lord, have before you what you need to skillfully make wise decisions in life and be successful to the very end.

~David

## Prayer List

**Ila Jean Locke** is doing well after her heart ablation. She is weak, but is home resting.

Remember brother **John da Silva** as he deals with lung cancer in both lungs.

**Linda Grove** continues to struggle with her health issues.

**John Yarborough** is having a heart stent put in **this** Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. (not last week)

**Lew Faulkner** has a large brain mass. Since Lew has no symptoms, the doctor is going to wait and do another MRI a little later, then decide the best plan of treatment. **Sister Dorcas** is having problems with congestive heart failure. Their address is Merrill Gardens, 8400 Champions Gate Blvd., Apt.142, Champions Gate, FL. 33896 Home# 863-204-5601 Cell# 352-496-0325.

**Chad Brown** has the coronavirus. So far, the rest of the family is doing ok.

**Levi Cook** (former member's son) is dealing with some very serious and rare health issues.

**Monroe Haltaman**, Sarah Myers' brother-in-law, continues to need prayers for serious health issues.

**Morgan Myers**, David and Sarah's daughter-in-law is having some complications with her pregnancy and needs our prayers.

**Also remember:** Charlotte Martin; Martha Pope; Millie Tudor; Joyce Freeman; Peggy Murphy; Ken Scott; Leigh Workman; Richard Menninger; Joyce Albert; Larry Hyder; Guy Grove; Teresa Broyle

## Announcements

**Please remember Central Florida Bible Camp:** Because of the Coronavirus, the camp needs our financial help. We are collecting any money donations and will be sending them in this next week. If you would like to help the camp, please give your money or check (earmarked CFBC) to David, Sarah or Larry Hyder. Thank you!

**A great big thank** you to Mike and Meagan for their hard work and planning and for all those who participated in the Trunk or Treat yesterday. We had a great turn-out from our members and friends from the community as well.

**Young Adults:** College age and up – Mark your calendars for November 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be a "Shoot-Out and Lunch" get together from 10 to 12:30 here at the building. The outside activity is first and then we will have lunch in the fellowship hall. All the equipment for the "Nerf war" is provided. Come and join the fun!

## November Birthdays

Alma Young-1; Steve Hutsenpiller-2; Dylan Watts-3; Martha Pope-15; Lexy McKay-17; Chuck Stambaugh-18; Nicki Thayer-23; Ron Rollins-23; Guy Grove-28; Patricia Webber-28

## November Anniversaries

Larry & Janet Hyder – 1; Cody & Shelbie Hileman – 2; Joey & Sheila Johnston – 12; Keith & Tracy Jones – 16; Darrel & Pat Ponsfor – 23

**PANTRY Items needed:** Stovetop Stuffing Mix; Peaches; canned Sweet Potatoes Instant Mashed Potatoes; Turkey Gravy - in jar or packets; Money donations to purchase perishable items for the baskets: turkeys, rolls, pies, etc.

**\*\*Please give David or Sarah names of families that you know may need a Thanksgiving basket. Thank you for all your help!**

