



**Sunday, July 30, 2023**

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**WELCOME!** If you are visiting today, you are our honored guest, and we welcome you to our services. Open your Bible and join us!

**Sunday:**

10:00 am - Sunday school / adult classes  
11:00 am - Sunday morning service  
12:00 pm - Potluck  
1:00 pm - Sunday afternoon service

**Wednesday:**

6:30 pm - Bible classes  
7:15 pm - Devotional

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Summer events (see flyers)
- Youth LIFE – new season. August 12, 4:00 at Rolling Hills Bible Camp.

**Today's prayer requests**

- **Jaxton Mitchell** – upcoming cardiologist appointment
- **Rob Pierce** – prayers for good outcome from his recent procedure
- **Eugene Boyd** – cancer has worsened
- **Theresa Plumley** – torn Achilles

**Standing prayer requests**

- **Eugene Boyd** – Matt's employee – cancer
- **Cindy McCloud** – Claudia's friend – cancer
- **Donna Levi** – Cara's mother – Alzheimer's
- **Joey Caudill** – Brenda Jenkins nephew – blood cancer
- **Bobby Varney** – in Hospice care
- **Lamar Tackett** – Kathy Varney's brother – cancer
- **Stacey Cassady** – Jody's sister – loss of her daughter, Sydney
- **Janet Bowman** – Don's mother – early stages of dementia
- **Payton Metcalf** – Don's great-nephew battling cancer.
- **Joe Williams** – continues to need prayers for his medical condition.

**Wisdom Shouts In The Street #1: "Better than gold, frankincense, and myrrh."**

**"How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen above silver" (Proverbs 16:16).**

"Why were the Magi called, "The Three Wise Men?" the teacher asked her class. One little boy called out, "Because they were all rich." At which point the teacher said, "No, the Wise Men were wise because they went to find the greatest teacher in the world."

How true that little story is, I don't know, but it does make valuable points.

If the average person were offered the choice between "Gold and Silver" or "Wisdom and Understanding," most would take the money. They have been programmed to believe, like the little boy, that to possess wealth proves that you are already wise and understanding.

However, as much as we Christians will "Amen" the wise teacher, we still find it hard to rid ourselves of the worldly view downloaded into the little boy's brain. After all, it is hard to convince someone that a person who struggles to pay their bills can be smarter than someone who has money to spare.

Therefore, we would be Wise and Understanding to heed the words of our little boy's teacher: "The Wise Men were wise because they went to find the greatest teacher in the world."

It is a strange irony that Jesus' literal dirt-poor beginnings has long since become the world's biggest commercial holiday. Santa may have won the marketing stakes, but it is the gifts of the Wise Men that are used to tug the heartstrings. The Magi would be insulted to think that their tokens of honour have been elevated above their quest to find the One worthy of their worship. They looked for and found the One whom Isaiah wrote about:

**"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).**

That is Wisdom and Understanding!

Sun. Morning	Jul-30-2023
Song Leading	D_Bowman
Opening Prayer	M_Anderson
Reading	R_Hamblin
Preside	G_Plumley
Assist1	C_Bowman
Assist2	B_Mickey
Speaker	Video
Announcements	C_Mickey
Closing Prayer	E_Anderson
Nursery	Hope_Mitchell
Sun. Afternoon	Jul-30-2023
Song Leading	A_Butt
Opening Prayer	R_Hamblin
Preside	D_Bowman
Speaker	G_Plumley
Closing Prayer	M_Anderson
Wed. Evening	Aug-02-2023
Song Leading	D_Bowman
Opening Prayer	M_Anderson
Speaker	G_Plumley
Closing Prayer	M_Anderson
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Song Leading	D_Bowman
Opening Prayer	M_Anderson
Speaker	G_Plumley
Announcements	R_Hamblin
Closing Prayer	A_Butt
8/5/2023	
Sat. Evening Preparation	Hamblin

- John Staiger, Morningside church of Christ, Auckland, NZ