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*"Our mission is to
proclaim the Word
of God, leading
people to a saving
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relationship with
Jesus Christ."*



Wise Guise

Preaching from 1st Corinthians brings the issue of wisdom clearly to the forefront. The first three chapters are dedicated to the subject. Elsewhere in the Bible, the obvious book about wisdom is Proverbs. We think of Proverbs as a collection of short, poetic tidbits of wisdom; but look again. The first nine chapters are not so much wise sayings as a lecture on the importance of seeking wisdom. And then there's my favorite go-to passage on wisdom, James 1:5. *"But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him."*

Two observations and a question: 1. God wants us to be wise. 2. God has made wisdom available to us. 3. Why do so few of us seem to achieve wisdom?

A speculation: We have a strong desire to not look foolish. We have a mediocre desire to actually be wise.

It's not James 1:5, but James 1:6 that shows us the problem. *"But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind."* I'm convinced the 'doubting' in that passage is not doubting that God will give the answer, but doubting the answer God has given. The question is not whether God will give the answer, but whether we will do anything with the answer once God has given it.

The problem with wisdom is that it isn't attractive on the surface. On TV, for instance, you are much more likely to hear wise cracks than wise advice. There are



shows to demonstrate strength and agility; there are shows to demonstrate knowledge. But don't look for "Wise Advice" on TV anywhere. Wisdom pays off in the long run, but it's no fun short-term.

Solomon is a tremendous example of failed wisdom. He asked for wisdom, and God gave it to him in such a degree that there was no one like him before him, or after him, either (1 Kings 3:12). He ruled wisely and increased the kingdom in size and in wealth. His personal income was over a billion dollars a year (1 Kings 10:14).

But there was something Solomon missed. Deuteronomy 17 includes a passage that instructs the king not to multiply personal wealth or wives for himself. He was also to handwrite a copy of the Law and read it daily. But Solomon, in addition to being personally wealthy, had 700 wives and 300 concubines. They *"turned his heart away after other gods..."* (1 Kings 11:4).

What good is having wisdom if you don't act on wisdom? The answer is, it is no good at all. Wise enough to impress everyone, Solomon ended his life looking like a fool.

Walk away from the desire to look wise, and seek to be wise. Don't seek to impress people with your wisdom, but to benefit them by your wisdom. That same Solomon, looking back at the end of his life, said this, *"The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments"* (Eccl 12:13).

This is wisdom.

Photo of the Month



Can you see them all? Or at least parts of them? Four men in Safety Green waterproof outfits are working in the rain. About the time the roof's on, the sun will come out.

Elders Report

Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020 @ 6 PM

Present: Steve McLachlan, John Doyle, Dion Ricketts, Mike Bell

Agenda Items:

- The meeting was opened with a short devotional and Intercessory Prayer
- Minutes reviewed and approved

Pastor's report

- Reviewed the outcome on the decision on authority, seems positive feedback so far
 - We have had a couple people that have sought to worship elsewhere over the issue
- Church Video License (CLVI) – up for annual renewal (\$200)
 - Allows movies from multiple publishers to be shown in the church
 - Approved to renew
- Sunday School Superintendent discussion was held
 - Elders will manage the role for this year
 - Pastor Steve volunteered to run VBS
- Baby bottle campaign is coming up from Jan 19th – Feb 9th 2020

Youth Pastor's report

- Youth Leadership
 - 8 youth regularly attending
 - Restarting Jan. 10, 2020
 - Service project for Jan – pending
- Mexico Mission Trip
 - Still working on support letters
 - Passports will be needed
 - YP John planning visit over Spring break & Tour the compound
- Youth Group
 - Regular attendance of 10-12 youths – 1 new in Dec. 2019
 - Start up for 2020 will be Jan. 12th
 - Big event for Dec, 2019 was Christmas party/Half-nighter
 - Dine and Dash pushed to Feb due to schedule conflicts.

New Business

- Elder's retreat discussion – to be self-funded this year.
- Authorized Mission support of \$1,500 approved to be given to the youth to support the Mexico mission
- Due to the changes in Sunday School Leadership a meeting with the teacher is set for Feb. 16, 2020 @ 5:30 PM

Treasurer's report: No update

Old Business

- Valentine's Day banquet discussed
 - YP John states the Youth Leadership can help serve as a fundraiser
- Questionnaire (Getting to know me)
 - Comments/additions recommended
 - Presentation to the congregation discussed, Will get in boxes soon

Next Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020 @ 6 PM

Church Funds 12/31/2019

Benevolence Fund	2,670.40
Missionaries Reserve	2,100.00
Missions Fund	2,196.40
Mission Trip	2,777.92
General Fund	40,751.77
Total	\$50,496.49
Building Fund	\$130,544.58
Overall Total	\$181,041.07



**Baby Girl Shower
For Rickie (Rieth) Frutchey
February 9 after church**



Avalanche Ranch

It's February—Time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School! Seriously. We dusted off an old one—Avalanche Ranch was last used in 2007—and are getting ready. If you know you want to work this summer and know what you want to do, contact Pastor Steve and let him know.

Key roles: Song Leader, Game Leaders, Missions Contest, Lesson Teachers, Escorts (Wranglers), Craft Leader, and Snack Lady.

Our first VBS planning meeting is Sunday, Feb 23 at 6 pm. See you there!



by John Doyle

What a great start to the New Year! We had a blast this first month of the new decade. Movies, food, and fun, what a month. We had to move the Davenport Dine and Dash to this month coming up. You know what they say, "Good things come to those who wait! Enough waiting, it is time to go and kick off this February with a huge Hurray.....Hurray!!! It is time to kick the G.A.N.G. into high gear. We have a month planned full of fun and food, that's right the Youth G.A.N.G. is on the move!!!

Youth Group G.A.N.G. (God's Anointed Next Generation)

Every Sunday @ 3:30 to 5pm, Ages 12-19 games, food, and a weekly Bible lesson.

No Youth Group Feb 2nd.

The Big Event

This month; the Youth GANG will be scouring the streets of Davenport for clues as to their next meal. Come join us for



'Davenport Dine & Dash' February 16th, 2:30pm – Approx 5:30pm

Youth Leadership Training (YLT)

A more intensive study with an emphasis on Discipleship. Every Friday @ 4:30.

Upcoming Events

Spring Retreat April 10th-11th



Volunteer!

The Youth ministries can use your time, talent, and prayers. If you are interested in volunteering or serving the Youth G.A.N.G we can sure use help, please contact: Youth Pastor John Doyle @ (509) 435-6393, E-Mail: tbfydoyle@gmail.com



They Offered Me Support In All Ways Possible.

"I first visited Life Services 16 years ago! I was 17 years old scared and pregnant. The Life Services team was so welcoming and non-judgmental. My counselor was my rock and helped me navigate through my teen pregnancy. They made me feel loved and that I am capable of raising my daughter and still pursuing my dreams. They offered me support in all ways possible. I can not imagine being pregnant and not having the MyChoice team by my side. I am forever grateful and am doing well with my now 15-year-old daughter. I still keep in touch with my counselor too!"

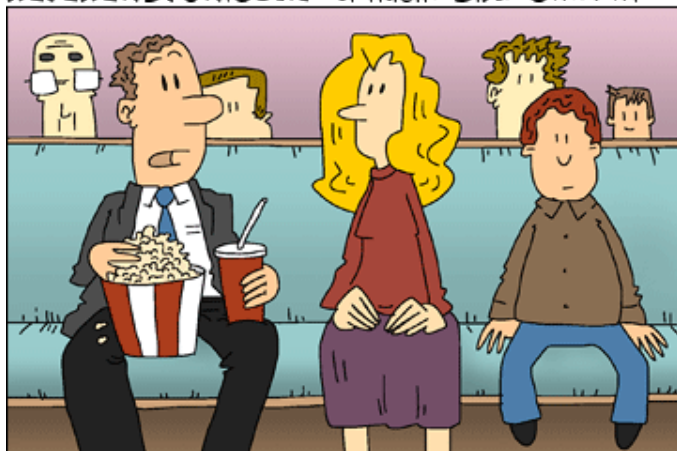
Marisa Liepman (Facebook) (From the Life Service web site)

Life Services makes a difference; the money you put in that baby bottle matters. Bring yours back by Feb 9th!



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Prefer to get your Newsletter by email? We can do that! Contact the church office at tbfdavenport@hotmail.com

Awana

Dear friends at Trinity bible Awana!

Thank you all so much for the special Christmas gift you collected for us as your Awana missionaries. Happy New Year! We appreciate all of you!

Jim and Bev VanMersbergen

Special nights in February

Feb 5	Sunglasses Night
Feb 12	Love Your Leader Night
Feb 19	Wacky Socks Night
Feb 26	Paper Airplane Night

The Awana Grand Prix is coming! It won't happen until March 11, but you might want to start thinking about it now—especially if you are in T&T, Trek & Journey, or are a leader. Sparks and Cubies can bring their favorite Hot Wheels or Match Box car, but everyone else has to build one if they want to race. Kits are available for \$3 for a square block, or \$5 for a precut one. Kits are available now from our Awana secretaries.

There is a clinic at church on Saturday, Feb 29 9-noon to help get your cars ready.

Missionary of the Month:

Cam & Valerie Hamm
Noah, Ellie, Jojo
Serving in Cameroon Africa



February 2020

Women's Ministry Leader: Lori Rieth
Group Members: Bekah Downing
Holly Sullins
Allyson Morrison
Annie Ricketts



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Coffee Fellowship Youth Group 3:30—5 pm	3	4 Worship Team practice, 5:30	5 Awana 6-7:30 pm Sunglasses Night	6 BSF 11 am 7 Elders Meeting, 6 pm	7 Youth Leadership 4:30 pm Elders Retreat February 7 & 8	8
9 Baby Shower for Rickie (Rieth) Frutchey after church Youth Group 3:30—5 pm	10 Mission Committee Meeting 6:30 pm	11 Worship Team practice, 5:30	12 Awana 6-7:30 pm Love Your Leader Night	13 BSF 11 am	14  5:30-7:30 pm	15
16 Return Baby Bottles for Life Services Fundraiser Youth Group 3:30—5 pm SS Teachers Meeting, 6 pm	17	18 Worship Team practice, 5:30	19 Awana 6-7:30 pm Wacky Socks Night	20 BSF 11 am	21 Youth Leadership 4:30 pm	22
23 Communion/Benevolence Offering Youth Group 3:30—5 pm VBS Meeting, 6 pm	24	25 Worship Team practice, 5:30	26 Awana 6-7:30 pm Paper Airplane Night	27 BSF 11 am	28 Youth Leadership 4:30 pm Young Marrieds Bible Study 5:30-7:30 pm	29 Awana Grand Prix Car Clinic, 9—noon