



For what we proclaim is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord,
with ourselves as your servants
for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5

This is a book about wisdom, which means it's a book about life.

Far more importantly, this is a book about the wisdom God has given us in the book of Proverbs. By this wisdom, we can learn how to live in light of what is really true about ourselves, one another, and this wonderfully yet deeply flawed world. Ultimately, therefore, this is a book about life lived for God in the light of divine truth. It's about life as God intends for us to live it...

The book of Proverbs will not allow you to be a passive learner, merely soaking up information. It requires you to put God's wisdom to work in your life. Bob Beasley notes that someone once described Proverbs, quite appropriately, as "the Ten Commandments in shoe leather," for in that book we begin to see how wisdom can be walked out in real life.

Anthony Selvaggio,
in the first chapter of his book about book of Proverbs

The Lord's Day — May 17, 2020 A.D.

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

Song of Assembly¹

Father, Long Before Creation

Barnes

Father, long before creation, Thou had'st chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us, firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant, through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children, must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing, moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us, that His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee, we will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing, 'til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory, to our God and to the Lamb.
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Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1,4-5

Pastor: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

People: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness!

Pastor: He loves righteousness and justice;

All: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 45

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Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy Name to sing,
Help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend. Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear,
In this glad hour. Thou Who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

Reading of the Word: *silver as common as stone*

1 Kings 10:23-27

Thus King Solomon excelled all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom. And the whole earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put into his mind. Every one of them brought his present, articles of silver and gold, garments, myrrh, spices, horses, and mules, so much year by year. And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen. He had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen, whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem. And the king made silver as common in Jerusalem as stone, and he made cedar as plentiful as the sycamore of the Shephelah.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we are sinners. Your Word reminds us of this truth; our hearts confirm it. We have done many things this week that you have forbidden. We have left undone things you have commanded. As judge of all the earth you would be right and just to condemn us. Yet, in your love, you sent Jesus Christ to bear the guilt of our sin and suffer our punishment. It is to Christ we now flee; forgive us. By your Spirit, help us to live worthy of Jesus our Savior ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Hear the Good News!

Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

Getty

How can it be, the One who died, has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah.

For joy awakes as dawning light, when Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King; Christ, Christ He is risen.

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed; Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.

Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw Him and their hearts believed.

But blessed are those who have not seen, yet, sing hallelujah.

Once bound by fear now bold in faith, they preached the truth and power of grace.

And pouring out their lives they gained, life, life everlasting.

He's alive, He's alive! Heaven's gates are opened wide. He's alive, He's alive! Now in heaven glorified.

Whom Shall I Fear (Angel Armies)

Cash, Cash & Tomlin

You hear me when I call, You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the Light, Whom shall I fear

You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my Sword and Shield though troubles linger still, Whom shall I fear

Chorus

*I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind, The God of angel armies is always by my side
The one who reigns forever, He is a Friend of mine, The God of angel armies is always by my side*

Bridge

*And nothing formed against me shall stand, You hold the whole world in Your hand, I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful, You are Faithful, You are Faithful*

The God of angel armies is always by my side

Jesus, Only Jesus

Wood, Nockels, Tomlin, Redman, Stanfill

Who has the power to raise the dead, Who can save us from our sin?

He is our hope, our righteousness. Jesus, only Jesus.

Who can make the blind to see, Who holds the keys that set us free?

He paid it all to bring us peace. Jesus, only Jesus.

Holy, King Almighty, Lord. Saints and angels all adore. I join with them and bow before, Jesus, only Jesus.

Who can command the highest praise, Who has the name above all names?

You stand alone, I stand amazed. Jesus, only Jesus.

You will command the highest praise, Yours is the name above all names.

You stand alone, I stand amazed. Jesus, only Jesus. Jesus, only Jesus.

Sermon²

Series: Be Strong In The Lord (Ephesians 6:10)

Pastor Tommy Lee

VI. Practical Strength: Godly Labor

Selected Proverbs (page 527)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Norie Rae Cook

Covenant Child of Dale & Natalie Cook

Solemn Vows - Parents

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now present this child to be baptized into the Christian Faith, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with her and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Solemn Vows - Congregation

Do you, members of this congregation and also members of the Body of Christ outside of this local church, undertake this responsibility - assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Solemn Words to the Child

Little child, Jesus Christ has come, he has fought, he has suffered. He has entered into the shadows of Gethsemane and the terrors of Calvary; he has uttered the cry "It is finished!" He has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, and there he intercedes for his church. Today we have pledged to teach you all of these things, and our prayer for you is that you will always mature and grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our great Lord and Savior - Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Norie

Elder Blake Temple

² 4, 5, & 6 year-old children may be dismissed before the sermon to Children's Worship in room 132.

Benediction³**2 Corinthians 13:14**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Song of Faith**We Are the Body of Christ****Hampton**

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You, we are the body of Christ.

One goal, one vision, to see You exalted, we are the body of Christ.

And to this we give our lives, to see You glorified.

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You,
We are the body of Christ. We are the body of Christ.

³ Just as God called us into His presence at the beginning, so now He commands His blessing upon us as we depart. We look up and extend our hands in a posture of thanksgiving as we receive this great gift. Our final response to God's assurance of His peace and presence upon those who are in Christ is a chorus of joyful song.

DPC Announcements

Get More Connected: Sign up for the weekly email by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org.

Next Up! The next four books of Scripture that we'll be reading together via the Cultivate daily readings will be Genesis, 1 John, Micah, and Acts . Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

DPC Adoption Fund: Your gifts are now welcome. *"In you the orphan finds mercy."* Hosea 14.3.

Congratulations to our DPC College Graduates! Jonathan Lee-UAH, Jack Missildine-Auburn, Caroline Stark-Auburn, Pierce Thompson-Auburn

Youth Group Live Stream: Nathan is conducting a live stream for the youth, at 6:00 PM on Wednesday nights. To find the channel, simply go to YouTube and search 'Decatur PCA Youth Ministry.' It should be the top result.

Pray for a Student: Contact Tonya (tonya@decaturpca.org or 256.361.6010) in the church office to sign up for a particular middle school or high school student for whom you will commit to pray for at least 3 times a week, until May of 2021. If you are currently praying for a student, and still want that same student, please let us know that too.

DPC Bible Studies via Zoom: All adult men are invited to participate in weekly Bible studies via Zoom (for now). Contact pastor Rick Stark if interested (256.351.6010, rick@decaturpca.org).

VBS: Save the Date! Mystery Island: Tracking Down the One True God! July 13-17, M-F, 9:00am-Noon, with the closing assembly being on Sunday, July 19. Rising K4-5th grade. If you would like to help out, please contact Debbie Smith or Sarah Minnon. More information coming...

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SPRING 2020

(Temporarily Suspended)

American Gospel: The gospel message of "Christ crucified" has always been offensive. We are exploring how the paths of post-modernism and progressive Christianity lead to a different gospel, a god created in our own image.

The Parlor Class: This class, led by Stuart Smith & Nathan White meets in the parlor. We are studying the Nicene Creed, one of the earliest & most important expressions of our faith. We'd love for you to join us!

Sedona Class: Led by George Godwin, we are currently studying through the Book of Mark. The class meets in the classroom down the back hallway from the sanctuary, across from the choir room. Guests are always welcome!

Ladies Sunday School Class: We are studying 1 & 2 Thessalonians, in the library at 9:30 am. This is a discussion based Bible study, open to all ladies, please join us!

The WtDPC Class! Led by Pastor Rick Stark, this is a warm fellowship and opportunity for all our guests and any interested in understanding the life, theology, and direction of DPC. Room 142 at the end of the Children's wing.

Session

Diaconate

George Godwin

Jeff Keith

Kent Quinn

Brian Rodgers

Jason Seale

Jay Suggs

Blake Temple

Chip Walraven

James Fudge

Wade Littrell

John Lyons

Bill Nelson

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Service Times

9:15am Worship Service #1

10:45am Worship Service #2

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