The Secret Wisdom of God

The Sunday morning Auditorium Class will review every chapter beginning with one of the four gospels through the end of Revelation every four and a half years. Once again we find ourselves in First Corinthians. It’s here we find God teaching, training and correcting the church at Corinth as well as us today.

We will take a look at the church at Corinth and discuss the problems that prevented maturity in Christ. This letter describes two different Christian maturity levels and two separate levels of wisdom. Paul writes, “I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly, mere infants in Christ. This sounds like the worldly and the infants in Christ are not that far apart. The two levels of wisdom Paul discusses metaphorically as milk and solid food. The milk represents the elementary teachings about Christ, the plain announcement, the basic facts about Christianity. The life, the death and the resurrection of Jesus and His coming again; this is also called the foundation. All of us enter into the Christian life through these elementary teachings. This is a great place to start but we don’t want to stay at this level of teaching. The next level of wisdom Paul calls a message for the mature, God’s secret wisdom, solid food. Paul elaborates on this wisdom in chapter 2:6-16, He said that it’s been hidden, but God has destined it for our glory and has revealed it to us by His Spirit. We received the Spirit of God so we can understand what God has freely given us. The man without the Spirit of God cannot accept the things that come from God; they are foolishness to him. Though the secret wisdom of God is revealed by His Spirit, this does not free us from the responsibility of human effort. Students who work hard can make themselves fit to receive the real riches of the mind of the great teacher. The more we push ourselves to learn, the more God can teach us. Hebrews 5:14 says it like this, “solid food is for the mature who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.”

Join us Sunday morning in the auditorium. “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.”

~Jimmy
**Announcements**

The office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

**Vacation Bible School** is June 5th-June 9th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please register your children online at [http://vbspro.events/p/sunset](http://vbspro.events/p/sunset). Join us as we become hands-on inventors and discover how we were lovingly crafted by God.

Please join us for a **Twin Baby Boy Shower** honoring Justin and Lisa Calder on Saturday, June 10th at the Leo Sweet Community Center from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Lisa is registered at Target, Walmart, Amazon, and Babystlist.com. Instead of a card please bring a book that the babies would love and write in it. Lisa is the daughter of Mark and Diane Briggs.

**Family Camp** is June 21st to June 25th at Mountain View Christian Camp. This year’s speaker is **Joey Cummings**. Spaces are filling up quickly so get yours reserved today. You must come into the office and have your $25.00 deposit to reserve your space. Spaces are a first-come first-served basis and are priced as follows, plus the deposit: **R.V. Campers:** $50.00 per R.V., **Dorms:** $75.00 per family, **Motels:** $100.00 per room, **White House:** $150.00 per room.

**The vans will be going to camp this summer!** If your child needs a ride please come by the office to fill out a permission slip and put their name on the list. Also if you would like to help drive this summer please get with Bruce or Eleanor so you can take a test. The test needs to be done for insurance reasons.

**2017 MVCC Camp Sessions:** If you are willing to help some of our **Sunset kids** with a **Camp Scholarship** please mark **Camp Scholarship** on your check and drop it in the offering plate or come see **Eleanor** in the office. All **Sunset kids** receive a 50% discount so make sure you get with Bruce before registering or do the paper application. This discount is only for kids who attend church here.

- **Session 1:** July 2nd-8th (ages 8-15) Director: Leland Mallett
- **Session 2:** July 9th-15th (ages 13-18) Directors: Bruce Daughtry and Taylor Robles
- **Session 3:** July 16th-22nd (ages 8-13) Director: Bruce Daughtry
- **Session 4:** July 23rd-29th ages (13-18) Director: Ray Young

**Jill’s Corner**

Updates to last week’s bulletin:

- **Wednesday evening classes:** Legos, play-dough, and Bible journaling will be moved to Wednesday evenings. We will have all ages from preschool-5th grade in the gym.

- **Promotion Sunday:** Promotion Sunday has been moved to Sunday, June 4 due to the Memorial Day holiday this Sunday.

  My goal is to provide a place for your kids to grow and learn about God’s love, so I will do all that I can to make sure our schedule works best for everyone! I love you all, and pray that you all have a great end to your school year! ~Jill

**Thank you for the cards and beautiful thoughts and especially to Ima Jo Craig and Janice Stroble for all that they have done. Rich is still recuperating and it will be a long drawn out process.**

*In Christian love,*

*Richard & Peggy Titus*
**Probe the Bible with These Questions**

“Help me to understand your laws, and I will meditate on your wonderful teachings” (Psalm 119:27 TEV).

Christian meditation means thinking about Scripture. You meditate on Scripture in the same way a cow chews her cud: by chewing on it and chewing on it and chewing on it.

The “probe-it” method of Bible study is a great way to do that. When you use this method, you probe the text with questions, almost like a jackhammer. To help you do that, I’ll share with you one of the strangest acrostics I’ve ever used: SPACETS. Each letter in the phrase is the first letter of a key word in a question you ask of God’s Word.

1. **Is there a SIN to confess?** Does God’s Word make you aware of something you need to make right with God?
2. **Is there a PROMISE to claim?** There are more than 7,000 promises in God’s Word. Ask yourself if the passage you’ve read contains a universal promise. Ask whether you’ve met all the conditions of the promise. Every promise has a premise!
3. **Is there an ATTITUDE to change?** Is there something about which you need to think differently? Do you need to work on a negative attitude, worry, guilt, fear, loneliness, bitterness, pride, apathy, or ego?
4. **Is there a COMMAND to obey?** Is there a command you need to obey, no matter how you feel?
5. **Is there an EXAMPLE to follow?** Are there positive examples to follow or negative examples to avoid?
6. **Is there a PRAYER to pray?** Paul, David, Solomon, Elijah, and Isaiah, among others, pray in the Bible. You can use their prayers and know that they’ll be answered because they’re in the Bible and in God’s will.
7. **Is there an ERROR to avoid?** It’s wise to learn from experience, and it’s even wiser to learn from the experience of others! We don’t have time to make all the mistakes ourselves. So what can you learn from the mistakes of those in Scripture?
8. **Is there a TRUTH to believe?** Often, we’ll read something in Scripture that we can’t do anything about. We simply have to believe what it says about God the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the past, the future, Heaven, Hell, or other topics in the Bible.
9. **Is there SOMETHING for which to praise God?** You can always find something in a passage you can be grateful to God for, like something God has protected you from or something God has done.

Every question in this list has a verb in it; there is something you can do associated with them. Write them in your Bible or put them on a note card you keep with your Bible. They’ll help you be a “doer of the Word” every time you meditate on the Bible.

After reading about the “probe-it” method, go back to the Scripture you read yesterday for your quiet time and apply this method to that passage.

- What new truths do you discover?
- What promise from God are you leaning on today?
- What commands has God given you through your Bible study that you need to obey?

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**Prayer Requests**

**Amanda Harrington** will have foot surgery this Thursday, May 25th.

**Remember the following as they continue to heal:** Jeanne Beeson, and Linda Harris

**Shut-Ins:** Grace Autry, Bob and Velma Brown, Durees Carriaga, Pauline Crisman, Audrey Fisher, and Vivienne Garner.

**Prayer Connection Cards:** Shane Dement, Angie Heady, The Kincaid Family, Ashley Medrano, and Terry Rodgers.

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**Thank you ever so much for the prayers, calls, and concern over my recent surgery. I feel like I’m doing very well. So far so good. After all it’s just been a few days.**

*In Christian love, Johny & Linda Harris*
Sunday, May 28, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

Speaker: Brian McGonagill
Worship Leader: Mark Schinnerer
Welcome: Mark Johnson
Scripture: Aaron Irving
Communion Service: Johny Harris

Men To Serve Communion:
Marty Jamieson
Joel Kirkes
Phil Lairson
Cody Layton
Terry Lunsford
Barry McDowell
Jaime Medrano
John Mezger

Greeters:
Chelsea Layton
Welcome Desk:
Sally Stade
Nursery Attendant:
Red Team

Communion Service Schedule
June 4th-Andy Harris
June 11th-Kelly Henry
June 18th-Mark Johnson
June 25th-Aaron Irving

The meal is at 6:00 pm and Bible class starts at 7:00 pm. Volunteers for Wednesday night meals are needed. Sign up on the calendar in the kitchen or call the office at 887-1278.

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Thank you for serving!
If unable to serve during worship, please call: Kelly Henry at 706-3304.