



## Times of Worship

- Sunday Bible Classes:** 9am  
**Sunday AM Worship:** 10am  
**Sunday PM Worship:** 5pm  
**Wednesday Bible Study:** 7pm

## Join us Online

### Church Website:

<https://www.westfayettechurchofchrist.com/>

### YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGckN8D9NwwX3KUuQ4GRKyA>

## Interested in a Bible Study?

Please send an email to [patcawthon@gmail.com](mailto:patcawthon@gmail.com)

## Evangelist

Patrick Cawthon

## Growing In Wisdom

Wisdom is absolutely critical in living a righteous and pleasing life before God. Five books of the Old Testament are under the umbrella of “Wisdom Literature” (also called “books of poetry”). Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon are all books focused on helping us live of life based on wisdom.

The book of **Job** is a story about a man who was the greatest of all the people in the east. Satan challenged God by saying this man worships you because you give him everything. God allowed Satan to take away all of his possessions and then his good health and yet he stayed righteous and blameless before God. It is a book teaching us the mindset we need to have when we go through difficult trials in our own life. James sums up the lesson of Job in this way, “Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.” (**James 5:11**)

The book of **Psalms** are a collection of prayers and hymns for God’s people. Many of them were written by by David but it goes all the way back to the time of Moses (**Psalms 90**). In this book we learn how

## Week of January 7

### Attendance

- ✦ **AM Service** - 42
- ✦ **PM Service** - 28
- ✦ **Wednesday** - 35

### Contribution

- ✦ Weekly Budget \$2,400
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### Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ✦ Lori Barbour (1/18)

### Calendar Items

**Song Learning Class** on January 14 at the building at 4pm

**Women's Bible Study** will resume January 16th

**Men's Meeting** on January 28 at the building at 4pm

to better pray and rely on God. The Psalmists express to God their concerns and emotions which we can easily relate to and learn from.

The book of **Proverbs** is a book dedicated to helping us live a life in the fear of the Lord. God gives us great insight to help us walk on the right path, a path pleasing to God. It is one of the most practical books in the entire bible.

The book of **Ecclesiastes** is authored by Solomon whom God said, "I have given you a wise and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you." (**1Ki 3:12**) He explores the question of what is this life all about. If we learn from this book, we will stop waisting time pursuing the things under the sun and focus on pleasing our Creator.

The last book of the wisdom literature is **Song of Solomon**. It is a love song written by Solomon showing the beauty of the relationship between a man and woman who are about to be married. There is great wisdom in learning from the love between the groom and his beloved.

This year for our bulletin articles, I am going to focus on growing in wisdom from the book of Proverbs. There is so much to learn from not only the entire book but from every proverb written for our instruction.

In the past I have done a daily devotional from this book by looking at one or two proverbs at a time. I got through Proverbs 10:1-15:25. I will plan on picking up where I left off in next week's bulletin.

Let's grow in our knowledge together and grow in wisdom. To know something is one thing but to put it into practice is truly wisdom.

Patrick