



Times of Worship

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

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Church Website:

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

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGckN8D9NwwX3KUbQ4GRKyA>

Interested in a Bible Study?

Please send an email to patcawthon@gmail.com

Evangelist

Patrick Cawthon

Seeking God's Instruction

Proverbs 15:33 - *“The fear of the LORD is the instruction for wisdom, And before honor comes humility”*

The two proverbs preceding this one focused on the importance of receiving and accepting reproof from others. (15:31-32) Those two proverbs are followed up by the importance of fearing the Lord and having humility. There is a strong connection between these two truths.

Solomon spoke of listening to “life-giving reproof” and now he speaks about how the fear of the Lord is the instruction for wisdom. Another connection is the fact that in order to listPen (and follow) reproof, you must have a humble heart. Someone who is prideful is going to ignore the reproof because they believe they know better than the one giving them the reproof/correction.

The phrase, “the fear of the Lord” occurs more in the book of Proverbs than in any other book. In the opening of this book Solomon tell us “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.” (Pro 1:7) The wisdom and knowledge Solomon shares with us in this book is based on the fear of the Lord.

Week of February 25

Attendance

- ♦ **AM Service** - 76
- ♦ **PM Service** - 35
- ♦ **Wednesday** - 49

Contribution

- ♦ Weekly Budget \$2,400
- ♦ Contribution - \$2,501

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ♦ Clark Ferguson (3/8)
- ♦ Betsy Morgan (3/8)
- ♦ Julia Fesmire (3/10)
- ♦ Hannah Cawthon (3/17)

Calendar Items

Women's Bible Study on
Tuesdays at 11am at the building

Song Learning Class on Mar. 10
at the building at 4pm

Teen's Bible Study at the
Cawthons on Friday Mar. 22 from
7-9:30

Men's Meeting on Mar. 31 at the
building at 4pm

GOSPEL MEETING with brother
Harold Carswell March 24-27

Whenever we read God's word, the question we need to constantly be asking ourselves is, "What does this passage require of me?" Reading and studying God's word is very important but it does us know good if we don't put it into action. It is very easy to delude ourselves into thinking we are righteous just because we read the Bible every day. We must become doers of the word and not merely hearers only. (**Jam 1:22**)

James also gives us important instructions of what we must do before we read God's word. *"Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls."* (**1:21**) Solomon and James both instruct us to be humble when receiving God's instruction. When studying God's word we need to remember God loves us and is A LOT smarter than us. We should therefore stop doing what we think is right and start doing life God's way.

"In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil." (**Pro 3:6-7**) God gave us the instruction manual for this life (the Bible). If we want honor, we will receive God's instructions with humility. We will learn the fear of the Lord and put it into practice in our daily life.

If we truly desire to become wise, we will keep learning and doing what God tells us to do. If we lack humility, we will ignore His teachings and become like a fool. Do you have the humility to receive the word implanted which is able to save your soul?

"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others." (**Phil 2:3-4**)

Patrick