

“The Wise Man Built His House...”

by Andy Baker

The popular children’s song depicts the familiar illustration from Jesus’ words in Matthew 7:24-27 of the Sermon on the Mount. Two men were building houses – a wise man and a foolish man. The difference between them: One heard the teachings of Jesus and did them, while the other heard them and did not do them (Matt. 7:24, 26). Consider for a moment the things that a truly wise man does in building his spiritual house:

The wise man uses a solid foundation. Many things such as money, fame, strength, and teachings of other wise men give the appearance to be solid foundations (Jer. 9:23). However to this wise man, he knows that there is but one foundation that will withstand the storms of life and the storms of Judgment (Matt. 7:25). He knows that there is “no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, Jesus Christ” (I Cor. 3:11). As the authority of Christ is the foundation for this astute individual (Col. 3:17), he also knows that slab repair will never be necessary.

The wise man contemplates the furnishings of his house. Having completed his project, what is left but to furnish the house? Our hero reflects on the words of the psalmist, “I will behave wisely in a perfect way...I will walk within my house with a perfect heart” (Psa. 101:2, 7). Because he is wise, he considers well the harmful things that might corrupt and defile his abode (I Thess. 5:21-22). Thus, he “thoroughly furnishes” (II Tim. 3:17 KJV) his house with that which is able to help him walk in “good works” as a complete and mature man. Because the wise man has so built his house, he has prepared himself to live in this world, knowing his house is just a temporary dwelling. The wise man looks anxiously for “a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens” (II Cor. 5:1-ff), knowing this is the place that the Savior has prepared for him and is far better than any dwelling here on this earth (John 14:1-4).



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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

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Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- John Chisley **Opening prayer-** David Reppond
Communion- Wayne Fowler **Closing Prayer-** Gary Harris
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Next Sunday

Announcements- Wayne Fowler **Opening prayer-** Jerry McDonald
Communion- Rick Cook **Closing Prayer-** Arthur Binford
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

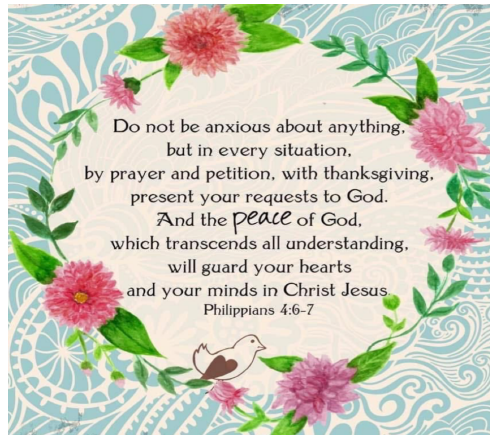
— Check the bulletin board in the foyer for local events and Gospel Meetings happening in our area.

— **Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

— **Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



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Please Pray For:

Carol Fletcher, Kari Johnstone, Sherry Miller, Rhonda Rogers, Ralph Malone, Eli Whipple, Kadee Jo Acosta, Diane Alexander, Rhonda Rogers, Lynn Urban, Samuel Costello, Mary Taylor, Luella & Kendle Jacobs.

Bereaved: Family of Gracie Aaron, Virginia Chisley.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Pam Few, Debbie Walker, Carey Day, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Larry & Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Dave & Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



August Birthdays

2 - Larry Silmon
3 - Branson Wells
4 - Brenda Fricke
6 - Sandy Van Loon
8 - Kaylen Hill
8 - Mandy Magee
8 - Travis Rodgers
20 - Leo Goodwin
26 - Brandon Rogers
30 - David Garris

August Anniversaries

3 - Paul & Wanda Simpson
13 - Jerry & Joyce McDonald

