

Religion

Seek Wisdom In '89

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Can you believe it is almost 1989? And, yes, it's New Year's resolution time.

May I be very presumptuous and suggest that each of us let Proverbs 4:7 become our goal for the New Year. It reads like this: "Wisdom is supreme, therefore get wisdom though it cost all you have, get understanding." (Proverbs 4:7 NIV).

The book of Proverbs is saturated with passages that encourage each of us to seek wisdom. Now here we are in 1988. Is the writer of Proverbs suggesting that we too need wisdom? First, let's define wisdom. It's being able to see life from God's point of view. Now, who wouldn't want to be able to look at every event that enters our life and see it from the Heavenly viewpoint? Proverbs 9:10 says that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." We demonstrate that we are wise people of wisdom when we respond to the situations in life the way God would respond.

When wisdom becomes our goal, several good things begin to happen

in our lives. 1 - Proverbs 2:9 says "Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path." Direction in life—that's a very good result of making wisdom our goal. 2 - Have you ever wanted to know how to say the right thing? Discover Proverbs 16:23. "A wise man's heart guides his mouth, and his lips promote instruction." 3 - Are you searching for happiness during the holiday season? Proverbs 3:13 tells us, "Blessed (happy) is the man who finds wisdom." 4 - Are you trying to juggle time and responsibilities? Apply Proverbs 3:16. Solomon, writing of wisdom, says that "Long life is in her right hand, in her left hand are riches and honor." My, how we could learn from that verse. Who isn't searching for the three things in that verse? 5 - Perhaps you want to please someone that loves you; renew your search for wisdom and find the truth of Proverbs 10:1 - "A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son grief to his mother." 6 - Have you ever gotten into a wrong relationship? Well, through wisdom we can detect the true character of others. Even though the advice in Proverbs

7: 4-5 was given to young men, it's equally applicable to young women discerning character in young men. Discover the 16th century B.C. wisdom of Solomon as he says, "Say to wisdom, 'You are my sister,' and call understanding your relative; they will keep you from the adulteress, from the wayward wife with her seductive words." 7 - When we decide to let wisdom become our goal, something very significant happens. Seeking wisdom brings us into a very close relationship with "Jesus Christ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." (Colossians 2:3).

Friends, if there was ever a time in our lives that we desperately need the will of God, it is now! Most of us have all kinds of knowledge, what we need is wisdom. We at David Baptist Church wish you the very best as you discover in 1989 the riches, the direction, the happiness, the right relationships you can develop and the ability to please the important people in your life. We also encourage you to place your trust in the source of wisdom—Jesus Christ.

Local Church Activities

By JUNE BALLARD

Something of interest and a definite need in our community is a sign language class being offered at Bethlehem Baptist Church. The place is the chapel and the cost is \$25. The class will meet each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. beginning January 10.

Other churches are invited to participate.

ALLEN MEMORIAL

Allen Memorial Baptist Church has called Randy Clark as pastor. He is a graduate of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. He comes from Vein Mountain Baptist Church in Marion. He and his wife, Brenda, have two children, Amy and Jamie. Randy began at Allen Memorial on December 11.

KINGS MOUNTAIN BAPTIST

Kings Mountain Baptist Church is planning a "Super Sunday." The plans are for a snack and fellowship meeting at 9 a.m. at January 1.

The January Bible study will be taken from the book of John. This begins on January 1 at 6 p.m. and continuing from there. In addition to the 6 p.m. study time on John, the pastor will be preaching that same evening from the same gospel.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

News from the Kings Mountain Baptist Association:

Bud Poston has been honored by being recognized as volunteer of the month.

Bud and his wife, Kathleen, have three daughters and four grandchildren. They are members of Elizabeth Baptist Church in Shelby, where Bud has served as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, worked in church training and Bible drills, and served on numerous committees. He helped build a church in West Virginia and also helped build Christopher Road Baptist Church. Hobbies include fishing, woodworking and gardening.

The Association executive board meets January 16, 1989, at 7:30 p.m. at New Bethel Baptist Church.

Listed below are the winners of the Association Church Training Awards for 1988.

Boiling Springs - the M night banner for most present.

Pleasant Hill - The M night banner for best percentage.

New Hope - the outstanding church training award.

Flint Hill - the study course award.

Shelby First - largest numerical enrollment gain, largest percentage enrollment gain, and largest percentage attendance gain.

Christopher Road - largest numerical attendance gain.

Pleasant Hill - largest masterlife enrollment.

Patterson Springs - largest equipment center enrollment.

Kings Mountain First - largest new member/survival kit enrollment.

M Night - total present, 180, with 20 churches represented.

Upcoming events - March 12-19, Youth Week; April 17-21, Baptist doctrine study, "The Doctrines Baptists Believe."

The third "Grief Group" will begin February 14 at 7 p.m. The group will meet at the Kings Mountain Baptist Association office.

Jimmy and Maxann Greene will be the leaders. Jimmy and Maxann lost a son, Todd, at the age of 23 and have recorded their experience in a book entitled "Come Walk With Me." Both of them have a commitment to walk with others through the process of grief.

Jimmy and Maxann will be utilizing six video tapes produced by Dr. Howard Clinebell, nationally recognized specialist in working with grief.

Persons wishing to join the "Grief Group" should call 482-3472 and share your name, address and phone number. The group will meet each Tuesday for eight to ten weeks.

The public is invited to participate.

DIXON PRESBYTERIAN

Dixon Presbyterian Church will have a special New Year's Eve fellowship Saturday from 6 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. A spaghetti and salad supper is planned. Games, videos and more will be held. Devotions are planned at midnight.

Ordination and installation of new elders will be held Sunday during the 11 a.m. worship service. Tony Stewart will be ordained as an elder and Stewart and Roger Humphries will be installed to three-year terms on the Session. Margaret Childers and Rene Stewart are rotating off the Session after serving three-year terms.

VIDEO SERIES

Surviving, a four-week program using a video series by family therapist Clayton Barbeau, will run four consecutive Mondays from 7:30 - 9:00 beginning Jan. 9, 1989, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 8451 Idlewild Rd., Charlotte.

Program leader for the series is Donna Marie Vaillancourt, RSM, Director of Mercy Institute, who holds degrees in psychology and theology.

Program topics are as follows: Monday, Jan. 9 - "Surviving Depression" Details the signs of depression and offers some strategies for surviving its impact.

Monday, Jan. 16 - "Surviving Loneliness" Examines the loneliness we all experience and offers steps for counteracting its effects.

Monday, Jan. 23 - "Surviving Broken Relationships" Probes the pain and anger in broken relation-

ships and suggests a process for healing.

Monday, Jan. 30 - "Surviving Life Transitions" Explores the many changes in our daily life and suggests steps toward healing and growth.

The program is free and no advance registration is required.

SECOND BAPTIST

There will be a watch-night service December 31 from 9-12 p.m. at Second Baptist Church in Kings Mountain. The program will feature special music, preaching, and a time of food and fellowship. Special guest will be the Rev. Dick Whitner. The public is invited.

NIGHTWATCH SERVICE

Cherryville Foursquare Gospel Church, located on Dellview Road, will conduct a Nightwatch service on Saturday, December 31, from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

The Holidays of Shelby and The Revelators of Gastonia are the featured groups for this event.

During the course of the evening, there will be a pause for refreshments. The singing will resume thereafter.

The pastor, Rev. L.R. Sells, and his congregation cordially invite everyone to help them celebrate the beginning of a new year.

Gaston Memorial Wins Two Awards

Gaston Memorial Hospital recently won two public relations/marketing awards given by the Carolinas Hospital Public Relations and Marketing Society at their annual meeting. This is the third consecutive year Gaston Memorial Hospital has won a first place award.

Gaston Memorial's series of radio advertisements, broadcast last summer, won first place in the radio advertising category. The ads were based on patient success stories.

The "Safe Ride '87," free taxi service offered last New Year's Eve

won second place in the Specific Public Relations and Marketing Programming category. The taxi service inside Gaston County provided rides to people who felt their driving might be impaired from drinking.

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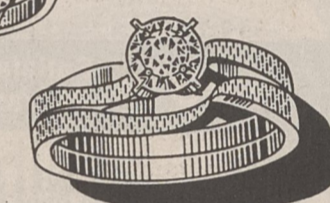
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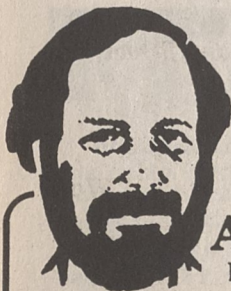


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Arthritis and exercise

Exercise has long been considered too painful for people with ARTHRITIS. Research has now shown that programs of moderate walking, swimming, and dancing offer arthritics painless ways to help improve their fitness and their ability to do daily chores.

Some suggestions for beginning an exercise program: ● Get your doctor's OK. ● Start slowly with gentle stretching. ● Walk in a level area, starting with five to ten minutes per day, and then build up.

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