

"The Means of Grace: Why Spend Time in the Word Daily?"  
Proverbs 2:1-12

*"God's Word is true and cannot be anything other than true. God's Word is reality. His Word shows us how things really are. So why wouldn't we want to be in His Word daily?"*

*"If we lose our motivation to read, we will stop reading the Bible. If we do not read the Bible we will miss everything He has for us in His Word. If we miss everything He has for us in His Word, we will destroy our souls."  
(John Piper)*

*"A fixed constant attention to the Promises, and a firm belief in them, would prevent anxiety and fear about the concerns of life. It would keep the mind quiet and composed in every change, and support and keep up our sinking spirits under the several troubles of life...Christians often deprive themselves of their most solid comforts by their unbelief and forgetfulness of God's promises." (Samuel Clark)*

- Proverbs 2:1-12
  - (2:1-4) The hard work and intentionality of knowing God's Word:
    - 1) God's Word must be received.
    - 2) God's Word must be treasured.
    - 3) God's Word must be engaged with the intent to joyfully obey.
    - 4) We must humbly ask God for the grace to understand His Word.
    - 5) God's Word must be treated as if it has incredible value.
  - (2:5-12) The benefit of the hard work and intentionality of knowing God's Word:
    - 1) **You will** understand the fear of the LORD.
    - 2) **You will** receive wisdom and knowledge.
    - 3) **You will** be protected from unnecessary harm.
    - 4) **You will** understand how to live a holy life.
    - 5) **You will** avoid sin and its consequences.
- Other Scriptures: *Scripture must be read with a heart of submission; for truth either hardens a heart or softens a heart.*
  - "And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to *pray for you*, asking that you *may be filled with the knowledge of His will* in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: *bearing fruit* in every good work and *increasing in the knowledge of God.*" (Colossians 1:9-10)
  - "*All Scripture* is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God *may be complete, equipped for every good work.*" (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
  - "Sanctify them in the truth; *Your word is truth.*" (John 17:17)
  - "Him we proclaim, warning everyone and *teaching everyone with all wisdom*, that we may present everyone *mature in Christ.*" (Colossians 1:28)
  - "And it is *my prayer* that your love may abound more and more, with *knowledge and all discernment*, so that you may *approve what is excellent*, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ." (Philippians 1:9-10)

**Announcements:**

★**HEALTHTREE MOVES FOR MYELOMA:** We are putting together a team to participate in the 5K/1 M Walk happening in approximately 2 WEEKS, on Saturday, June 3rd at Wolfe Park in Columbus, Ohio. If you are interested in participating in this, please see the board on the back table for more information, or see Joel Decker for any questions you may have. To register for the event, you will need to go online and register with Team Legacy.

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of May we are collecting monetary donations for the Christian Union Summer Camps. Each summer our denomination hosts 3 weeks of church camps in Greenfield, Ohio for children ages 9-18. Your monetary donations would help with the cost of purchasing food for these church camps, in order to not increase the price of camp for each child. For more information about the denomination and about the church camps themselves, please see the board on the back table. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is a donation for the Summer Camps.

★**MEMBERS MEETING:** We will be having a Members Meeting on Sunday, May 28th, immediately following the worship service. This meeting will be to vote on the budget options and the proposed By-Law changes and additions that were presented at the Members Meeting last month. If you are a current church member, please plan to stay for this meeting.

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner THIS Sunday, May 21st, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!