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Valmont VINTAGE

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Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



THE
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Pastor Eric

"I saw that wisdom excels folly as light excels darkness."

- Ecclesiastes 2:13

Wisdom... Does it have more to do with knowledge or experience? With age or maturity? Can one lay claim to it by making it one's goal, or does it grow within us without effort — by simply living our lives? Multiple Biblical writers have claimed that it begins with the fear of the Lord, and yet Paul believes that the foolishness of God confounds the wisdom of the world. What is wisdom?

Despite the immense interest I feel towards such questions and topics, I must admit that I don't always know what to do with the book that is most

associated with the pursuit of wisdom: Proverbs. Located in the middle of the "Wisdom Literature," Proverbs occupies a unique space in the Bible. It doesn't represent the degrees of human prayer found in the Psalms; the mystical and erotic love of Song of Songs; or even the counter-cultural laments of Job and Ecclesiastes. Instead, Proverbs is largely filled with conventional, pithy statements about what tends to be observable within a fallen world that is loved by a good God. But how does one build a theology out of such sayings? How does it prepare a person for wisdom?

Throughout the beginning of this fall we will be exploring several passages from Proverbs, especially favoring the more cohesive intro spanning its first nine chapters. Throughout our study, we will listen to wisdom's call on our lives, discerning how it relates to the Creator God's intentions for the world.

Before we begin our study, I'd like to set a challenge before you for this September that was often given to me in Sunday School:

read a chapter of Proverbs each day for a month. Clocking in at 31 chapters, it's perfectly suited for this schedule. Now, I can't guarantee that every proverbial statement will hit home as you adopt this month-long discipline; however, I do believe that it will affirm the words of the wise, old Preacher: "I saw that wisdom excels folly as light excels darkness."

May God's wisdom serve as a light for us all.

In Christ, Eric

Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

Starting Sept 12

Worship at 10:30
Sunday School 9:00

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Calendar

6/30-7/8 - Eric is out of town

9/1-9/8 - Eric and Anneva are out of town

9/5 - Worship at 9:30am

9/12 - Worship at 10:30am,
 Education Hour at 9:00am

9/13 - Deacons at 10:30am

9/14 - Worship Team at 10:00am

9/15 - Women's Association at 10:00am

9/19 - Worship at 10:30am,
 Education Hour at 9:00am, Communion Sunday

9/21 - Session at 5:30pm

9/26 - Worship at 10:30am,
 Education Hour at 9:00am

10/3 - Worship at 10:30am,
 Education Hour at 9:00am, Communion Sunday

10/5 - Worship Team at 10:00am

10/10 - Worship at 10:30am,
 Education Hour at 9:00am

10/11 - Deacons at 10:30am

10/17 - Worship at 10:30am,
 Education Hour at 9:00am, Communion Sunday

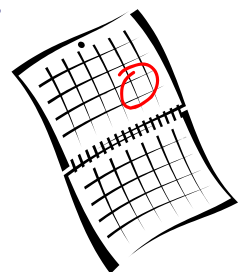
10/19 - Session at 5:30pm

10/20 - Women's Association at 10:00am,
Annual Reports are Due

10/24 - Worship at 10:30am,
 Education Hour at 9:00am

10/31 - Worship at 10:30am,
 Education Hour at 9:00am,
 Reformation Sunday

11/7 - Worship at 10:30am,
 Education Hour at 9:00am,
End of Daylight Savings



Pastor's Schedule:

Sunday: Worship

Monday - Thursday: In the office and responding to email

Friday - Saturday: Weekend

Weekly Activities

Sunday: Iglesia meets 3:00-5:00 pm

Tuesday: Women's Association meets
 Third Wednesday (Sep-May) at 10 am

Session, third Tuesday at 5:30 pm

Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Wednesday: Starts September 1st

Every Thursday: Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Every Friday – Valmont Victors 8-10 pm

Best Chocolate Cookies—Cindy

Ingredients

- ♦ 1 cup (2 sticks) salted butter, softened
- ♦ 1/3 cup raw sugar
- ♦ 1/2 or 3/4 teaspoon maple extract
- ♦ 4 teaspoons cornstarch
- ♦ 1 (10 ounce) bag MINI semisweet chocolate chips
- * 2 large eggs
- * 1 cup brown sugar, packed
- * 1 tablespoon vanilla bean paste or vanilla extract
- * 3 and 1/4 cups all purpose flour, spooned and leveled
- * 2 teaspoons baking soda
- * 1/2 teaspoon salt
- * Top cookies with more mini chocolate chips & raw sugar



Preparation:

In a large bowl or stand mixer, add the butter and beat until fluffy, about 2 minutes. Remember to scrape the bottom and sides of the bowl. Add the 3 sugars: brown sugar, white sugar, and raw sugar. Beat until fluffy, 1 minute. Add the eggs, vanilla bean paste (or extract) and the maple extract. Beat until combined, then stop. Add the flour but don't mix it in yet. Make sure you spoon and level the flour. That means don't scoop the flour, instead spoon the flour into the measuring cup and then scrape off the top so that it's level. Add the cornstarch, baking soda, and salt to the top of the flour and use a small spoon to stir it in. Beat on low speed until the flour is just barely incorporated. When there are still white streaks, stop the mixer. Remember to always scrape the bottom and sides of your bowl with a spatula in between mixes. Add a 10 ounce bag of mini chocolate chips (that's about 1 and 3/4 cup). Mix until combined and then stop. Cover the dough and chill in the fridge for 2-3 hours, or up to 24 hours. If you want them to chill faster, shape the dough right away and chill on a plate (or, if you have room in your fridge, directly on a lined sheet pan.) Be sure to cover the dough with plastic wrap. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees.

(If you have chilled the dough in the bowl, you will want to let it soften on the counter for about 15 minutes) Use a two-inch cookie scoop to shape the dough. Or you can use your hands to form balls of dough about two inches across. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper or a silpat. Place the cookies on the sheet about 2 inches away from each other. Sprinkle the top of each cookie with a bit of raw sugar. Bake at 350 for about 11-12 minutes. DO NOT OVER BAKE. They should still be pale and only very slightly golden brown on the edges. They may have a tiny bit of shine on the top, but only a little bit. Immediately after taking them out of the oven, top each cookie with a sprinkle of mini chocolate chips. They will melt almost on contact, so there's no need to push them in or anything. Let them cool on the pans for 5 minutes, then transfer to a cooling rack. * Eat right away!! With lots of milk! You can store the shaped dough in a ziplock bag in the freezer for up to 1 month. I do not thaw before baking, I just put them on a lined pan and bake at 350 for a couple minutes longer than the recipe calls for.



LEMON MERINGUE PIE from former coffee shop in Delta CO coffee shop - Cindy

Crust: * 1 C. flour * 1/2 C. butter * 1/2 (scant) tsp. salt * 1/4 C. cold water

Heat oven to 350° and bake crust.



Filling: * 2 C. sugar * 1/2 C. corn starch * 2 C. hot water * 3/4 C. lemon juice

♦ 4 egg yolks * 2 tsp. lemon peel * 1 1/2 T. butter

Whip together in large bowl. Microwave on high 3 1/2 min.; stir; microwave additional 3 1/2 min., until thick. (if necessary add additional tsp butter & cook additional minute

Meringue: * 4 egg whites * 1/4 tsp. cream of tartar * 1/2 c. sugar

Beat egg whites and cream of tartar, adding sugar 1 T. at a time until stiff peaks form.

Bake 12-15 minutes until peaks are brown .

These were found on T-shirts

Embarrassing my children; Just another service I offer

I thought I made a mistake once but I was wrong

Bureaucracy turning energy into solid waste since 1789

Never trust an ATOM, they make up everything

I'm trying to be independent but no one will help me

Why be difficult when with a little bit of effort you can be impossible

The problem with political jokes is sometimes they get elected

To the guy who invented zero, thanks for nothing

I don't need Google, my wife know everything

If you see me talking to myself, I'm just getting expert advice

Living on earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun

This is a sharp not a hash tag

Dear Algebra, Please stop asking us to find your X. She's never coming back and don't ask Y

Lord give me coffee to change the things I can and wine to accept the things I can't

I love cooking with wine. Sometimes I even put it in the food.

The older I get the better I was

If I had known grandchildren were so much fun, I would have had them first

It's better to remain silent and thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt

People who think they know everything are annoying to those of us who actually do

Two wrongs don't make a right However three rights make a left

The mind is like a parachute, it works better when it's open



HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

**Highlands – A Sanctuary for the Spirit, a School for the Mind,
a Joy for the Heart and a Shelter in the Storm.**

The Highlands camp committee is working through the recent transition at the camp. The interim executive director is working to learn about everything at the camp. There are several large groups scheduled over the next few months which is great after the restrictions over the last year. The program sub-committee is working on plans for next years summer camp with anticipation of having residential camps for school age youth. This last summer seemed so unusually strange with no youth or groups on the grounds.

Several members of the Highlands committee, including members from Denver Presbytery will be meeting with some a few members of council of Plains and Peaks Presbytery on September 3rd. A discussion regarding forming a search committee for a new executive director for the camp and future for Highlands. Please keep the Highlands committee in your prayers as we work through these issues!

The state is planning on closing highway 7 for approximately one year. They are going to reconstruct the highway from Lyons to Highway 72. This will increase commute times for staff and guests. The closing is scheduled to begin after Labor Day. It will create challenges for staff and guests.

Please keep the ministry of Highlands in your prayers!!

Blessings!! Ruth Lewis , Highlands Camp Committee





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Deacons' Basket



During September we will continue collecting money for Elaine Crowe's classroom. For those of you, who may not know, Elaine teaches a handicapped class in Louisville, and is the daughter of Don and Marlene Brining, as well as the daughter-in-law of Shirley Crown.

October and 1st half of November the "basket" will be to help defray cost of shipping Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. The 2nd half of November and 1st half of December will be the annual Giving Tree for TGTHRR (formerly Attention Homes).

Cindy

The Deacons will be collecting cookies on Sunday September 12th to give to the youth at TGTHR--aka Attention Homes.

Marilyn

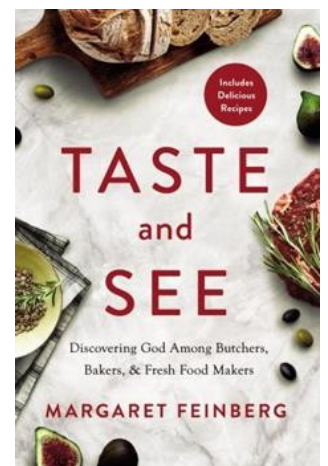
*Bless the poets, the workers for justice,
The dancers of ceremony, the singers of heartache,
The visionaries, all makers and carriers of fresh
meaning ~ We will all make it through,
despite politics and wars, despite failures
and misunderstandings. There is only love.*

Submitted by Claudette

Women's Association

Starting September 15 Women's Association will be meeting 10 a.m.-noon, the 3rd Wednesday of each month until May. Besides a prayer & short business meeting, we will be studying "TASTE and SEE Discovering God among Butchers, Bakers & Fresh Food Makers." Each of us will have our own book to read (you can borrow mine if you forgot to order one), we will watch a short dvd, followed by discussion. We will finish our meetings with a potluck, featuring the food studied that month whenever feasible.

Blessings,
Cindy



Just for Fun

1. What time of day was Adam created?

Just a little before Eve.

2. Who was the fastest runner in the race?

Adam. He was first in the human race.

3. Why are atoms Catholic?

Because they have mass.

4. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

Because Noah was always standing on the deck.

5. Why didn't Noah ever go fishing?

He only had two worms.

6. Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?

Nope — just an apple.

7. Why did the unemployed man get excited while reading his Bible?

He thought he saw a job.

8. Does God love everyone?

Yes, but He prefers “fruits of the spirit” to “religious nuts!”

9. If Mary had Jesus, and Jesus was a little lamb...

Does that mean Mary had a little lamb?

10. What's so funny about forbidden

fruits?

They create many jams.

11. Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean?

He just knew there was something fishy about it.

12. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

Absolutely ruthless

13. The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose.

Mosquitoes come close, though.

14. What kind of car does Jesus typically drive?

A Christler.

15. What excuse did Adam give his children about why he no longer lived in Eden?

Your mother ate us out of house and home!

16. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.

17. Who was the first tennis player in the bible?

Joseph because he served in Pharaoh's court

Eric's Preaching Schedule

Date	Scripture	Sermon Title	Sermon Series	Church Calendar
September 5	James 2:1-17	[Anne Harris-Cross]	[Guest Preacher]	
September 12	Proverbs 1:1-19	The Fear of the Lord	Intro to Proverbs	
September 19	Proverbs 2:1-22	Moral Logic	Intro to Proverbs	Communion
September 26	Proverbs 4:1-27	Wisdom of the Heart	Intro to Proverbs	
October 3	Proverbs 8:22-36	Lady Sophia	Intro to Proverbs	World Communion Sunday
October 10	Proverbs 31:1-9	The King's Mother	Intro to Proverbs	
October 17	Job 38:1-15; Revelation 7:9-17	Through the Wardrobe	Telling Stories	Communion
October 24	Jeremiah 8:18-22; Matthew 9:35-38	Balm of Gilead	Telling Stories	
October 31	Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Colossians 2:6-15	Fast Fish, Loose Fish	Telling Stories	Reformation Sunday

Adult Education

As we resume our morning class on September 12th at 9:00am, we will pick up with a topic we explored this summer in 1 Timothy 2 — *women in ministry*. Throughout our study we will examine pertinent passages from both the Old and New Testaments to consider how the Biblical writers wrote about women in leadership. This will be coupled with historical and cultural studies into gender roles in the ancient world, along with the practices of the early church. No book is required for this class; however, I will be sending you articles and Scriptural passages to read throughout our study.



It's your Vintage

Anyone who would like to contribute articles, pictures, recipes or anecdotes, please submit by the 20th prior to publication month to **Mike Greever** via email at mgreever53@gmail.com or give to **Ella in the office**
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