

Oaks-West church of Christ

Sunday Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. • Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Services are live-streamed to our website: oakswestchurchofchrist.com

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Hidden Treasure

by George Slover

"Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God." (Proverbs 2:3-5)

The knowledge of God and accompanying blessings are compared to hidden treasure. Jesus compared it to a pearl of great price (Matthew 13:45,46). This hidden jewel is wisdom, understanding, the fear of the Lord, and the knowledge of God.

Wisdom and understanding imply the power of discernment. Such insight can be a source of life, health, and protection for the soul. The knowledge and fear of God compliment each other. Fear refers to the reverence due God. Without reverence

there can be no knowledge of God. However, a greater knowledge of God will deepen our reverence for Him. If one will apply these rich nuggets to their life, they will enjoy all that a life with God can offer.

Solomon implies that receiving such insight will require our diligent effort. His first plea: "incline your ear to wisdom". (Proverbs 2:2) The knowledge of God begins with an open ear and heart. Faith in God and an understanding of His will comes by hearing. (Romans 10:17) Before God's word can sink into our hearts there must be a readiness to listen.

"My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother; For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck." (Proverbs 1:8-9)

Carefully listening is the beginning of knowledge.

Welcome!

When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends. We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.

Important Dates

Ladies' Class - January 14

If you know of upcoming events, please inform Darrell so they can be included here.

However, Solomon adds that one must “cry for understanding” and “search for her as hidden treasure”. These verses describe a progressive, diligent effort – inclining the ear, lifting the voice, and a conscientiously probing. Careful attention, active application, and prayerfulness are involved. The reward God offers will only be found after enthusiastic endeavor!

God left planet earth with a user’s manual. The problem with man is he fails to recognize its value. Your greatest possession is the Bible that often collects dust on the bookshelf. Make a commitment to understand and apply it and you’ll be richly and eternally blest.

Prayer Requests

Jack Wilson is still struggling with pain and limited mobility.

Jay Parker’s father has cancer. His mother has had some recent health problems as well.

Jimmy Stinnett is struggling from his leukemia and is under treatment.

Dinah Williams is having some issues with her legs from diabetes.

Lisa Trammel has been put on hospice care and is in a great deal of pain.

Jim Trammel had surgery to repair a hernia that was causing great pain.

Dryden Floyd has been struggling with illness for a while.

Shut-ins: Don and Alene Simmons, Dinah Williams, Marcia Neuhaus

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,” (Ephesians 6:18)

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord’s body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord’s will.

We are not a part of any larger organization – we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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