

STRAIGHT TALK FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

HABITS · SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2025

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CUTTING THROUGH THE CONFUSION



welcome

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

We're a group of people who live to follow Jesus and point others to Him. We pray today's worship encourages your heart & strengthens your faith. We encourage you to participate with us as much as you are comfortable.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We offer **Wee Worship** for children ages 2-7 during the sermon & **nursery care** for babies and toddlers. Restrooms located in the main hallway are equipped with changing tables.

CONNECT WITH US

Whether you're a first-time guest or a regular member, **we'd love to know you're here!**
Here are some options:

Text "**Check In**" to **706-278-8051**

Fill out a **CONNECT CARD** (back of seat)

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ORDER OF SERVICE

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| Call to Worship | Sam Lewis |
| <i>Glory To His Name</i> | David Byerly |
| <i>Jesus, Let Us Come To...</i> | John Cox |
| Prayer | Norman Gwinn |
| <i>Teach Me Lord To Wait</i> | David Byerly |
| Prepare For Communion | |
| <i>Come Share The Lord</i> | John Cox |
| Communion Prayers | Bob Lee |
| <i>This Little Light of Mine</i> | Aidan Smith |
| Children's Chat | Josh & Aidan |
| Scripture: Proverbs 23:29-35 | Tim Nelsen |
| <i>Wonderful, Merciful Savior</i> | David Byerly |
| Sermon | Shane Robinson |
| <i>Amazing Grace, My Chains...</i> | John Cox |
| Shepherd's Moment | George Brock |
| <i>You Are The Song That I Sing</i> | David Byerly |
| Closing Prayer | Tyson Russell |

Greeters

David Byerly, Beth Byerly, Chris Smith, Chrissie Smith

Nursery Attendants

Amanda Shannon & Mia Robinson

Wee Worship

Becky Duke, Kylie Gray, Sam Lewis, Samantha Lewis

Serve Communion in October

C. Akers, E. Sane, M. Locke, W. Locke, V. Boling,
T. Morrison, L. Waycaster, N. Pozo

scripture

PROVERBS 23:29-35, NKJV

“Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes?

Those who linger long at the wine, Those who go in search of mixed wine. Do not look on the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, When it swirls around smoothly; At the last it bites like a serpent, And stings like a viper. Your eyes will see strange things, And your heart will utter perverse things. Yes, you will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea, Or like one who lies at the top of the mast, saying: “They have struck me, but I was not hurt; They have beaten me, but I did not feel it. When shall I awake, that I may seek another drink?”

MEMORY VERSE

“He who loves pleasure will be a poor man; He who loves wine and oil will not be rich.”
(Proverbs 21:17, NKJV)

“Those who love pleasure become poor; those who love wine and luxury will never be rich.”
(Proverbs 21:17, NLT)

habits

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- **Self-control _____ your life (Prov. 25:28; 13:3).** A person without boundaries is vulnerable to enemies and loss of freedom.
- **True strength is mastering _____, not others (Prov. 16:32; 12:16).** The greatest battles you will face are the ones no one sees.
- **Careless living will _____ you (Prov. 19:16; 20:1).** Bad habits will cost you your freedom and some will cost you your life.

WHAT YOU NEED TO AVOID

- **Avoid _____ (Prov. 21:17; 23:20-21).** Too much of a good thing eventually becomes a trap.
- **Avoid _____ (Prov. 23:29-35; 20:1).** Running from or numbing pain deepens problems. Don't get stuck in a bad cycle.
- **Avoid _____ (Prov. 22:13; 26:13-16).** Counting your problems will keep you down; counting your blessing will help you up.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

- **Build boundaries _____ you fight the battle (Prov. 4:23-27).** Delayed gratification is a superpower to success.
- **Surround yourself w/ _____ (Prov. 12:26; 22:24-25).** Stability is contagious. So is chaos.
- **Choose a goal and _____ toward it (Prov. 29:18; 21:5).** Take a step in the right direction.

*IF YOU DON'T RULE YOUR HABITS,
YOUR HABITS WILL RULE YOU.*

(1) Have I built the right walls?

Strong walls protect us from harm and keep us from letting the right things into our lives. Do you need firmer protection? Do you need greater openness?

(2) Am I numbing pain in the wrong ways?

Think honestly about the escapes you turn to when life gets heavy. Numbing pain only works for so long. Can we help you take your first step toward healing?

(3) Do I have stable people in my life?

While age can make us more set in our ways, we never outgrow the need for steady guidance. Who stabilizes you? Who do you need to move closer to?

STRAIGHT TALK FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WHAT'S STANDING IN MY WAY?

Strengthen Your Walls (Proverbs 25:28; 13:3)

When self-control breaks down, life breaks down.
What part of your life feels unprotected right now?

Don't Let Pleasure Rule You (Proverbs 23:20-21)

Small comforts can become controlling patterns.
What pleasure or comfort do I run to first when I feel stressed? Is it helping me become who I want to be?

Face What You're Numbing (Proverbs 23:29-35)

Avoiding pain keeps you stuck in the same cycle. Is there a pain, disappointment, or pressure I've been avoiding? What if would it look like if I faced it?

Stop Making Excuses (Proverbs 26:13-16)

Excuses protect our comfort, not our growth. Is there an excuse I keep repeating? Have I prayed about overcoming passivity?

Choose Stable Relationships (Proverbs 22:24-25)

The people closest to you shape the habits you keep. Who in my life makes me more grounded, steady, and faithful? Who holds me back?

events

HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP

All Church Devo

Wed, November 26th @ 6:30 PM

5th Sunday Singing

Sun, November 30th @ 6 PM

Ladies Ornament Party

Fri, December 5th @ 6 PM

Cookies with Santa

Sat, December 13th @ 2 PM

WEEKLY & ONGOING EVENTS

AM Worship - Sun @ 9:30 AM

Sun Bible Class – After worship

Ladies Bible Class - Tues @ 10:30 AM (Rm 134)

Food & Clothing - Tues & Thurs 10 AM - 12 PM

Wed Night Meal - Wed @ 5:45 PM (fellowship)

Wed Bible Study - Wed @ 6:30 PM (all ages)

LIFE Groups - Various times & locations



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