



GUARDRAIL

Relational Wisdom

September 27, 2026

8:40 AM

Nobody's Fool

Call to Worship

Giles Blankenship

Sunday Is Coming

Disch/Smith/Wickham/Furtick

Praise You Anywhere

Fielding/Lake/Bentley/Sooter

Welcome

Mike Ramos

Offering Moment

Blake Bengé

Song for the Offering

Trust in God

Lake/Brown/Wong/Furtick

Message

Blake Bengé

Guardrail #3
Nobody's Fool

Song of Response

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

Stiff

Recognition of Decisions

Blake Bengé

Next Steps & Benediction

Tim Jackson

Postlude

Guardrail #3 | Nobody's Fool

Wisdom is the guardrail for what we love in this life, and for who we hope to be and become. The people who possess wisdom can be called "The Wise". The arch enemy of wisdom is foolishness. The intent today is to clearly see the difference between these two, so we become increasingly wise and remain Nobody's Fool.

Guardrail Steve

Discernment Beyond Appearance

Sober Wisdom

Do you see a person wise in their own eyes?

There is more hope for a fool than for them.

Proverb 26:12 NIV

The Choices We Make

The People We Become

The Wise:

The individual who makes choices based upon present **awareness**, future **plans**, and past successes and **failures**.

• The fear of the **Lord** is their starting place. Psalm 111:10

- They fear little else. Proverbs 1:33

The Foolish:

The individual who makes choices based upon present _____ without consideration of future plans or past successes and failures.

- They fear missing out and are aware of little else. As their foolishness grows, so does their lack of awareness and propensity to _____ - _____.

Key Idea

The Wise Are Awake and Aware

The Wise become more and more _____; even more self-aware, while The Foolish become more and more _____, especially of themselves.

Awareness Inventory

Seeing the Difference

The Foolish	The Wise
_____ Authority (Proverbs 15:5)	_____ Authority (Romans 13:1-2)
Prideful (Proverbs 16:18)	Humble (1 Peter 5:6-7)
Despises _____ (Proverbs 1:7)	Hungers for _____.
Makes _____ (Proverbs 26:13)	Makes _____.
Speaks _____.	Speaks _____. (Proverbs 16:23-24 & 17:27-28)
_____ in Debate (Proverbs 29:9)	_____ in Debate (Proverbs 29:9 & Proverbs 26:4-5)
Full _____ Temperament (Proverbs 29:11)	Self-Controlled Temperament (Proverbs 16:32-33)
_____ Mistakes (Proverbs 26:11)	_____ from Mistakes (Proverbs 17:10)

Having _____ The Fool in the past,
does not mean you have to _____ The Fool in the future.

"Regret" Reveals

Regret is The Foolish person's _____.

Regret is The Wise person's _____ for grace and growth.

Wisdom responds to _____. Matthew 7:24-29

Securing the Guardrail

- ✓ Ask for it. (James 1:5, Proverbs 2:6)
- ✓ Read for it. (Proverbs 1:2-7)
- ✓ Act on it. (Proverbs 1:23)
- ✓ Ask yourself:

Given my current circumstances, my future hopes and dreams, and past successes and failures, **is this the wise thing to do?**

Is this my best choice?

Questions for Contemplation and Conversation

1. When considering the Awareness Inventory above, which wise thing do you think is the easiest for most Americans to do or become?

2. Of the two columns on the awareness inventory, which do you think is people's most natural tendency?
3. Can you describe a friend, co-worker, or family member who is a good example of one of the qualities of "The Wise"?
4. What is the one characteristic of "The Wise" you think is currently most important in your life? Who is the person or people best able to encourage that quality in your life?

NEXT STEPS

COMMUNITY

Sundays, 9:45am: Find a Sunday School Group that's right for you! Everyone is invited, and no sign-up is required. For a list of Sunday School groups, visit the Welcome Desk or go to snydermbc.com/sundayschool.

DISCOVERY CLASS

October 18, 10am, Meeting Room (D1109): Whether this is your first time or you've been coming for a while, we'd love to tell you more about Snyder and how you can get involved! Discovery class is an opportunity to hear about Snyder's mission, history, and values in an informational and interactive setting.

EVENTS

This Week:

Butterfly Serenade Paint night - October 2, 6:30pm: Reserve your spot by September 30.

Coming Soon:

Dinner on the Grounds - October 4, 5-7pm: Join your Snyder family for an old-fashioned church-wide potluck on the front lawn! Bring a favorite covered dish to share—meat, vegetables, sides, or desserts—and enjoy an evening of good food, fellowship, and community.

Senior Revival Service - October 5-7, 10:30am-12pm: Join us for three special mornings of worship, encouragement, and testimony at Snyder Memorial Baptist Church. A free lunch is provided from 12 -1PM. RSVP for lunch is required by calling the Church office at 910-484-3191 by Tuesday, September 29. Come worship with us—and bring a friend!

October 13, 9:30am - Golf Outing - Contact George Holden to RSVP (910-977-4626)

October 16-18 - Family Camp at Camp Don Lee

November 3-6 - Southeast Kentucky Mission Trip: We're heading back to SE Kentucky to serve alongside our ministry partner! This time, we'll be packing Christmas boxes for children in some of the poorest counties in America. Cost: \$150. Download an Application (found in The Bell or online) or pick one up outside Susie's office.

WAYS TO GIVE

Online

Visit snydermbc.com/giving or scan the QR Code.



Cash or Check

1. Place cash or check in the offering plate as it passes or in the Offering Boxes at the entrances.
2. Mail a check or drop it off at the Church Office.
3. Set up an automated Bank Draft.
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SERVICE TIMES

8:40am, Modern Service, Fellowship Hall

9:45am, Sunday School for all ages

11am, Traditional Service, Fellowship Hall

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