



A MEANINGFUL LIFE IN A MEANINGLESS WORLD

## Who is Wise?

Ecclesiastes 8:1-17 • Message #8

Solomon asks a question and answers it in this chapter.

1. The Wise Have a Right Attitude Towards \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Wise Accept \_\_\_\_\_ as a Fact of Life

3. The Wise Are Content with the \_\_\_\_\_

### TAKE HOME TRUTH

*Having the right \_\_\_\_\_ towards God is  
key in knowing how to live well.*



Coming Up

November 19 - Ecclesiastes 9:1-17

November 26 - Thanksgiving Service

Psalm 103 & Communion

December 3 - Ecclesiastes 10:1-20

December 10 - Ecclesiastes 11:1-10

December 17 - Ecclesiastes 12:1-14



## Just a Moment

with Pastor Fred

Next Sunday we will spend the SS/ABF hour discussing some important matters regarding our church. Paul Krepps will review our current Strategic Plan – did we achieve our objectives? Doug Troxell will discuss a constitutional change the elders and deacons are recommending. Currently, to do business we need 50% of members present. With shut-ins and a number of folks wintering in Florida (especially during our January annual meeting) we "squeak by." We're proposing that percentage be changed to 40%. The old constitution (the one we had when I came in 2007) had the quorum set at 25% - so we're still asking for a strong commitment. Our constitution also allows votes by proxy – Doug will again explain that rationale.

I will then present the proposed strategic plan for 2024-27. Copies are in your bulletin. We reviewed this with the congregation back in September. The elders are calling for a special business meeting December 3 after the service to vote on the plan and this quorum change.

It's so encouraging when people participate in such a meeting as next Sunday. This is the time we've set aside to ask questions allowing us the time to respond. Such allows our actual business meetings to go smoothly having worked out any issues prior. If you don't normally come to ABF – and are a member, please come next Sunday to stay informed. Thank you.

I'm excited about the future of HBC. I'm humbled by how God has used our former strategic plans these past 16 years.



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Becoming fruitful disciples

“LET US COME INTO  
*His* PRESENCE  
WITH *thanksgiving*”

PSALM 95:2

Prelude  
Call to Worship

*A Mighty Fortress*  
*There is One Gospel*

Missions Moment

*O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer*

Scripture Reading & Pastoral Prayer

*Afflicted Saints*

*Who Is Wise?*  
Pastor Fred Froman

*God the Uncreated One*

Benediction  
Special Prayer

THE LORD'S DAY  
**November 12, 2023**

Corporate worship is  
meant to remind us that  
the One who sits on the throne is  
the definition of power, glory, holiness,  
wisdom and love.

*Loving God,  
Loving People*

**Infant/Toddler Nursery**

Sunday School / ABF: Mary Ann Krepps, Sue Froman  
Worship Service: Amy DeMass, Ava Elliott, Colleen Peck

**This Week**

Today

9:00am	Coffee & Fellowship
9:30am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowships
10:30am	Worship Service
4:00pm	Christmas Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 14

6:30pm	Ladies' & Men's Bible Studies
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Wednesday, November 15

10:30am	Senior Saints
7:00pm	Praise Team

Friday, November 17

6:30pm	Counseling Team Workshop
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**Announcements**

Happy belated Veteran's Day to all those who served our country. Thank you

Christmas Choir Practice will be held today from 4:00- 5:15pm.

Our Counseling Team is meeting this Friday, to hear a presentation suicide prevention. Continue to pray for this vital ministry of our church.

Tickets for the Christmas Ladies Tea can be purchased today from Diane Wilson for \$12. We need ladies to host/decorate a table and men to serve as waiters. Sign up on at the table in the foyer. This is an excellent outreach event, Friday, December 8.

Spanish American Mission will take a construction trip to Mexico January 6- 13. If you are interested in going, please see Matthew Price.

Deck the Halls will take place on **November 26** after the service. We need help decorating for Christmas. If we have enough volunteers it usually takes less than an hour. Family participation welcomed!

Sweet Talk, an evening of fellowship and discussion for young couples will be held at the Fromans on Friday, December 2 at 6:30pm

A Special Business Meeting is being called for December 3 after the morning service. We will vote on the proposed strategic plan along with a constitutional change regarding quorum (see the Pastor's Pen). The recommendation is posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions - please ask an elder or deacon.

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**"God cannot forget us or fail to have compassion us, His children. God will never under any circumstances fail us. By his sovereign love and grace, God has permanently fixed us on His hands."**

**"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."**  
HEBREWS 13:5

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Jim Chaney	November 14
Chad Biehn	November 15



**Greeters for November 12**  
Bill & Carol Gillam  
Jim Durling  
Dave Drullinger

**Prayer Requests**

*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*  
Colossians 4:2

General Requests & Praise

- Josh & Carissa Bell in Senegal
- Katherine Moore - residency program
- Those seeking certification with ACBC
- For HBC to grow deeper spiritually and reach out to others
- Proposed Strategic Plan

Physical Needs

- Bob Helmuth - cancer, palliative care
- Cecil twins, Susan & Naomi - NICU
- Cherie VanValkenburgh - fatigue
- Cheryl Woodruff (Melissa Hurley's step-mom) - lung cancer
- Debbie Alton (Mary Hayes sister) - recovery from car accident
- Dennis & Myra Fuehring (Kelly Troxell's parents) - health matters
- Ethan Cecil - continued healing and growth
- George Curtis - continued strength
- Joan Allen - painful frozen shoulder
- Paula Orth (former member) - breast cancer
- Sherry Back (former member) - palliative care
- Stef Bolthouse (Froman's daughter) - endometriosis, appt Dec 22

The Lord's Prayer Reflectively ~ Matthew 6:9b-13

- Father, help us to honor & respect your holy name
- Help us to see your hand at work in this troubled world
- Thank you for the blessings you bestow upon us daily
- Help us to share your abundance with others
- Help us to forgive as You have forgiven us
- Help us to rely on your Word resisting temptation
- You are the God of heaven, with power & honor. Amen

Prayer For Our Government

Vice President Kamala Harris

Missionary of the Week

Mike & Linda Petkof, Greece

Prayer Individual of the Week

Melissa Hurley

Shut in of the Week

Phil Walrath