

kind

truth

Love is p_t_e_t.

Love is k_n_.

It does not e_v_.

It does not b_a_t.

It is not p_o_d.

It does not d_s_o_o_o_others.

It is not s_l_ - s_e_i_g.

It is not easily a_g_r_d.

It keeps no record of w_o_g_.

Love does not delight in evil but

r_j_i_e_ with the t_u_h.

It always p_o_e_t_, always t_u_t_,

always h_p_s, always p_r_e_e_e_.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

rejoices

angered

self seeking

hopes

protects

trusts

wrongs

envy

dishonor

boast

patient

perseveres

proud

Where does wisdom come from? What are its benefits according to Scripture? What is “the fear of the Lord?” These are just a few of the questions we are uncovering at Thrive as we study the book of Proverbs. This month, the youth have been instructed to read a chapter of Proverbs every day to complete the book by the end of November. During our time at youth, we have been breaking out into small groups, expounding on what everyone has been reading and learning how we can apply the principles of this book to our daily lives. As we approach the end of the month, we hope to see everyone continue to grow in wisdom as we continue studying the book of Proverbs.



“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” Proverbs 9:10

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We will be printing our annual "Classified Ad" insert page in January. This is a list of church members who have a business or a service they would like people to know about. We really want to bless those in our own body first if we can. Anyone wanting to advertise will need to submit an **electronic** business card sized ad to Nichole by January 16, at atmoffice@atmintl.org. If you submitted one for the last ad, please send an email letting her know you wish to place the ad again or if there are any changes to it. Those not responding will be removed from the ad.



December 25, 10:00 am

Come join us for our annual Christmas program! This will be a one hour service so you can enjoy time with family. Wear your favorite Christmas sweater/outfit or ugly Christmas sweater. This service will include music solos, Christmas carols, and much more. Invite your family and friends, and let's celebrate our Lord and Savior!

ATM Winter Retreat January 13 - 16

Our annual youth retreat is coming up and will be at our local Nazarene Lighthouse Retreat Center in St. Mary's. The cost is \$160 per student. Please let one of the youth leaders know so we can get them signed up ASAP!



December 23 - January 2.

The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, at 9:00am



"A Cozy Christmas Tea"

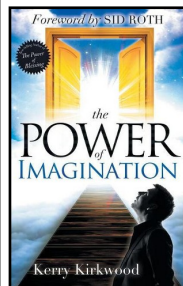
December 6,

6:00 pm-8:00 pm

All ladies are invited to enjoy a relaxing evening at the Worship Center for our Christmas Party. Refreshments will be served and there will be a gift exchange of \$10. Please sign up at the Welcome Center Desk.

The Power of Imagination Conference

January 19 - 21



Mark your calendars for this a m a z i n g conference with Kerry Kirkwood! Look for more information in our future publications.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

Pastor Jason King

In writing for the newsletter this week I had so many random thoughts going through my head I just thought I would share a few of those. Last night we took the whole family to the cinema to see the premier of The Chosen season 3. It was fantastic! I was once again struck by how the writers were able to capture the humanity of the disciples as they interacted with Jesus. I love how the character of Jesus is understanding and even quick-witted in his responses. There was humor, heart felt moments, and realistic reactions.

When Jesus sent them out 2 by 2, he did so with a mandate not to take any extra clothing or any money or even any food! That is quite a restriction! He wanted them to TRUST in the Father for their daily sustenance and also to trust in other believers for their love and hospitality. In doing so, Jesus was stretching their faith! They did NOT go out feeling all powerful or even READY...they had doubts and insecurities as most of us do. "What if I pray and they DON'T get healed? What if I try to cast out a demon and they DON'T come out? What if nobody invites us in or offers to feed us?" This whole thing could be a disaster!!!

But they went anyway...trusting Jesus at His word. And the point I'm trying to make is that they didn't have crazy high expectations which the Scriptures allude to, "Lord, even the demons obey us when we use your name!" Luke 10:17. And when they saw Jesus do the same in Mark 1 and Mark 7 the Bible says they were "amazed and astonished beyond measure" that He commanded unclean spirits and healed diseases. These disciples didn't think they could do such things like Jesus did, and yet they simply obeyed and WENT to those in need. This is all He is asking of us as well...that we would believe and GO according to His will and we too will be amazed at what He does through us!

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 1: December 4, 18, 5 - 7 pm

Discipleship 3: December 11, 18, 8:00 - 9:15 am



RUN YOUR RACE WELL

Pastor Justin Monfort

Hebrews 12:1 "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensures us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us". I have a race to run. You have a race to run. All races share some of these basic components. You have to do the following.

1. Stay in your lane.
2. Endurance
3. Vision
4. Pacesetters
5. Expectations
6. Desperation
7. Grace

There are other components as well, but let's just stick with these 7 for now.

Lane assignments. If you do not stay in your lane a couple things will happen. First, you will get ran over (not fun!), second you will be disqualified. The results of this would be devastating. You're dealing with unnecessary pain, injuries, and the heartache of being disqualified. This reminds me of a parable in which Jesus tells us of a group of people who do all kinds of miracles, healings, signs, and wonders to depart from Him, He never knew them

(Matt. 7:23). How can this be so? It's because they ran in the wrong lane! They did some really cool things, but they didn't stay in their lane. I can ask my children to clean their room and in 3 hours I check, they have cleaned the kitchen but not their room. Though they did a good thing, they didn't do **my will**. How do we

ensure that we are in the correct lane of life? Paul said he is what he is by the grace of God (1 Cor. 15:10). We need to discover our Grace-Mix. What has God placed within me? What are my passions, my burdens, what

causes my heart to cry out to God for a miracle on the behalf of another person? The sooner we can **discover**, NOT decide our Grace-Mix, the sooner we get on with the call of God. Paul declared he was a steward of the grace of God given to him (Eph 3:1-9). God's grace is his enabling power in and through us, enabling us to do the task in which He has called us to (2 Cor. 12:7-9). Heaven is cheering you on! Make it your ambition to run your race well! Stay in your lane!

Stay in
your
lane!