

James 3:13-18

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct he should show his works done in the gentleness that wisdom brings. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfishness in your hearts, do not boast and tell lies against the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come from above but is earthly, natural, demonic. ¹⁶For where there is jealousy and selfishness, there is disorder and every evil practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, accommodating, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial, and not hypocritical. ¹⁸And the fruit that consists of righteousness is planted in peace among^u those who make peace."

Wisdom

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When we get caught up trying to satisfy ourselves, it is almost like we are two different people-as if there are two people tied up together. The Bible recognizes this dual nature in each of us. One part yearns for good, and the other part is drawn toward corrupt desires and animal passions. The Bible describes a kind of "worldly" wisdom that justifies destructive behavior and leads to disorder, instability, and confusion. We need to beware of this type of wisdom, which is characterized by jealousy and selfishness.

This kind of thinking causes us to focus on what others are and have. It makes us envy others so much that we are always dissatisfied. It is easy to become so consumed by our own desires that we become inconsiderate of others, often hurting the people we love. This type of wisdom is inspired by the Devil and will lead to our ultimate destruction, since Satan's "purpose is to steal and kill and destroy" (John 10:10). If our thoughts are still dominated by jealousy and selfishness, we need to ask God to replace our earthly wisdom with his godly wisdom. We can trust him to change our minds and our lives.

Prayers and Praise

- Steve Head's mother passed away yesterday. Prayers for Steve and Barbara and the family, please. Steve and Barbara are on their way to Arkansas.
- Anna Ruth Brookshier passed away last Friday morning. Prayers for the family and Royce, please.
- Jean Edwards asks for prayers – she's suffering from a bad cold.
- Prayers for Tiffany Lamb, Darcy's friend, dealing with medical issues.
- Tanya is at her parents, helping to care for her mother who broke her leg. Prayers for all.
- A former member, Ronda Thomas passed away recently, please remember the family in your prayers.
- Prayers for John Gipson, getting physical therapy Sunday mornings; he hopes to rejoin us soon.
- Praise for Chris Langford's progress, and prayers for his continued recovery.
- Prayers for continued healing for Kay's nephew Jeremy.
- Prayers for Gary, Rob, Kyle & Andy as they lead our congregation.
- Prayers for health for Anna's Nana, Bonnie Borgstrom, and for her caregiver Barb
- Prayers for Ryan Burns, Jordan Allbritten, and Thomas Mullinaux, serving in the armed forces.
- Prayers for our widows: Myrna, Ella, Miriam, Louise, Sallye, Millie & Carolyn.

Order of Service

Worship Leader: Michael Elliot

Song – #63 I Will Call Upon the Lord

Song - #593 Consider Him

Song – #103 He Has Made Me Glad

LORD'S SUPPER

SCRIPTURE READING

Snog - #31 Be Still And Know

Song – #54 We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

OFFERING

PRAYER

PEW PACKERS

Song – #537 Here We Are But Straying Pilgrims

SERMON

Song – #538 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Song – #764 Teach Me Lord to Wait

SCRIPTURE READING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Song - #539 Higher Ground

PRAYER

Supported Missionaries and Works

Glenn Langston - Blind Ministry

Nathan and Alvin Luther – Philippines

Ghana West Africa Water Project

Caleb Odle - Arlington, Texas

Cimi Kafexhiu - The Church in Durres, Albania

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Wisdom is essential to recovery. It must, however, be godly wisdom, not earthly wisdom. Earthly wisdom leads to selfishness and pride, invariably causing confusion and strife. True wisdom is based on the knowledge of God. It brings peace and leads to selfless living and faith that works - it never distinguishes between groups of people but treats everyone with respect and love. Godly wisdom allows us to admit our failures and rebuild our lives from the ashes of defeat. It frees us from our destructive dependencies; it helps us live for others and builds relationships that will support our spiritual growth.

Relationships

James 4:1-4

A right relationship with God is essential to our spiritual growth. Most of us would like to receive the freedom God offers, but we generally make mistakes that hold us back. (1) We try to gain our freedom by working hard. We forget to ask God for help and thus never receive the life that God wants to give us. (2) If we do ask God for help, we ask with wrong motives. We ask for his blessing to satisfy our personal pleasure, ignoring the fact that seeking friendship with the world makes us God's enemies. God wants to give us abundant lives so we can tell others about him. We experience the freedom God offers by drawing close to him and asking for his guidance and help.

Just For Today the Choice is Mine

Just for today I choose to believe I can live this one day.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	10:00 am	Bible Study	At the building and live stream
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship	At the building and live stream
Wednesday	10:30 am	Senior Breakfast	At Perkins
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Bible Study – Ecclesates	At the building

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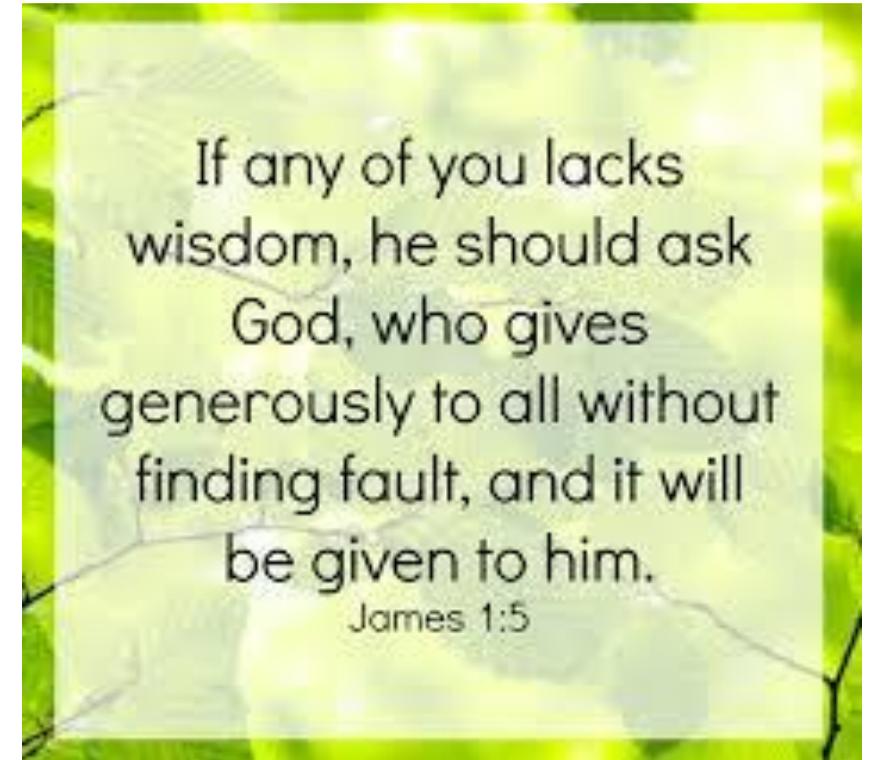
Events Calendar

- May 12-14th **Montana Men’s Retreat**, C-N Camp, 6040 Dearborn Canyon Road, Augusta, MT 59410. \$120 over 18, \$80 under 19 or full time student. \$15 Late Fee after May 3rd; Please make checks to Great Falls Church of Christ & mail to Men’s Retreat, PO Box 6848, Great Falls, Mt 59406. For any questions, please contact Bob Alfred: Cell: 406-788-7599, Email: Alfredfamily@hotmail.com. See Bob Q for details.
- May 21st **Senior Breakfast** 10:30 am at the building – all seniors, pre-seniors, and caregivers are invited! (3rd Saturday of the month).
- May 22nd **SongFest and Graduation Celebration** to celebrate Holden’s graduation. We will begin at 10:30a. There will be no classes or pew packers, and we will enjoy a potluck after services.
- Jun 11-12th Join us for the **WOW Marriage Seminar**, here in IF, led by Dr. Barry and Tina England. We’ll have Sunday morning bible class together in the auditorium and have a potluck after services.
- Jun 23-27th **Mission Trip** to Mountain States Children’s Home – see Rob for details
- July 17th **Praise in the Park** – On this Sunday we will worship in the park and enjoy a potluck together and fellowship after. More details to follow.
- Sep 16-18th **Youth Rally** here in IF – see Andy for details. We will need host families for our September 16 Youth Rally for 45+ teens, so if you are available to host in your home, it would be greatly appreciated. Details to follow.
- Dec 9th-11th **West Yellowstone Winter Retreat** is BACK!! We have joined an effort with a few congregations in Wyoming and Montana to bring back the Winter Retreat in December. Details to follow but mark your calendars now!

The Church of Christ in Idaho Falls

Welcome!

We’re a bible-based and non-denominational congregation of Christians meeting in Idaho Falls to praise and worship the one God. All are welcome! Please join us in our worship services and classes.



Meditation for Today

I must overcome myself before I can truly forgive other people for injuries done to me. The self in me cannot forgive injuries. The very thought of wrongs means that my self is in the foreground. Since the self cannot forgive, I must overcome my selfishness. I must cease trying to forgive those who fretted and wronged me. It is a mistake for me even to think about these injuries. I must aim at overcoming myself in my daily life and then I will find there is nothing in me that remembers injury, because the only thing injured, my selfishness, is gone.

I pray that I may hold no resentments. I pray that my mind may be washed clean of all past hates and fears.