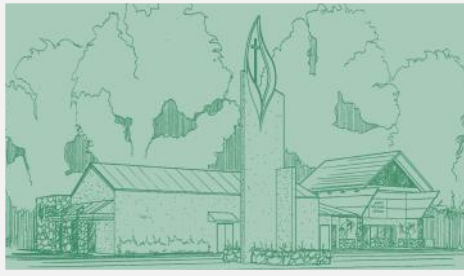


# The Connection



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Organist

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Custodian

## Developing Wisdom

*FROM THE DESK OF Pastor Gary*

Wisdom is a capacity of the mind that allows us to understand life from God's perspective. Throughout the book of Proverbs, Solomon encourages us to "get wisdom:" *"Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn away from them."* (PRV 4:5) He says that those who get wisdom love life (PRV 19:8); that it's better to get wisdom than gold: *"How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver!"* (PRV 16:16); and that those who get wisdom find life and receive favor from the Lord (PRV 8:32-35).

Yet in Ecclesiastes 7:23-24 Solomon also makes clear that getting wisdom is a challenging process: *"I am determined to be wise – but this is beyond me. Whatever exists is far off and most profound – who can discover it?"*

Fortunately, Scripture provides us instruction in this area. Here are four Biblical instructions for how to get wisdom:

1. **Fear God**—Solomon says: *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."* (PRV 9:10)

But how should we fear God? Philipp Melancthon, a collaborator of Martin Luther, discussed what it means to fear God. "The fear of God is like the respect and love a child has for a parent, a fear of offending the one they most adore and trust. In contrast, is the kind of fear that a prisoner has for his jailer or executioner."

2. **Desire wisdom** – The second step to getting wisdom is to desire it with all our heart. As Solomon says, we must *"look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God."* (PRV 2:4-5)

3. **Pray for wisdom** – As James tells us: *"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you".* (JMS 1:5)

4. **Study God's Word** – The fourth step in getting wisdom is studying and meditating on God's Word: *"The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple."* (PS 19:7)

However, we shouldn't rely merely on our own understanding of what the scripture says, but lean on the wisdom and insight produced by Christians throughout the church's history.

To get wisdom we must fear God, study his Word and prayer-fully desire to understand life from God's perspective.

*Pastor Gary*

## Biblical Stewardship Principles

Once upon a time, there was a craftsman who spent many hours each day laboring over his workbench. Hour after hour, he would mix clay with water and turn the spinning wheel to form beautiful vases and other objects of art. He was a master potter, second to none.

One day as he was working and molding the clay exactly as he desired, the clay spoke. Indeed, it not only spoke, but it also began telling the potter what to do. "Press in a little more here. Put more pressure there. Give me a nicer curve down here. Don't make me so short and stout."

Preposterous, you'd say. And you would be right. A lump of clay can't tell the potter what to do or how to mold it. Neither can we as Christians tell God how to shape and mold us. But that doesn't seem to prevent us from trying.

Some Christians, in fact, go through their entire lives trying to tell God what to do with them and how to do it. It is as though they are the recipients of some master plan and that God's role is limited to carrying out their bidding.

The apostle Paul asked this rhetorical question in Romans 9:21 – *"Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?"*

The answer is obvious. Of course, the potter has power over the clay to mold it as the potter desires. In a similar way, God is the potter; we are the clay. All that we have – including our time, our talents & treasure – comes from God and belongs to God. Just as a master potter has the right to shape and mold the clay as he sees fit, God has the right to do the same with us. As we yield to God's sovereignty and wisdom, we will come forth exactly as God desires.

It all boils down to this: Will you use the "unique mixture of talents" God has given you to make a difference for Christ? Will you take your rightful role on God's workbench and allow God to fulfill the role of "master potter" in your life? Or will you continue to try to tell God what to do as you view your time and talents as things that belong to you?

As you think about what kind of job you are doing in managing the time, talents and treasure which God has entrusted to you, remember, God owns it all!

## Remembering Who We Are



### 2018 Florida Annual Conference

June 7-9, 2018

Florida Southern College  
111 Lake Hollingsworth Dr.  
Lakeland, FL 33801



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Several months ago, Karin Smuts contacted me asking if the Prayer Shawl Ministry could provide her with a quantity of shawls, bed socks, and lap robes. Karin has a wonderful ministry of visiting with those in assisted living and nursing facilities, as well as those who are sick at home and in hospitals. I asked in church for those who would be able to help in knitting, crocheting and quilting these items for Karin and for our cupboard, too.

On March 18, Pastor Gary dedicated 85 beautiful items made by the needlework angels of our congregation! It was a lovely service and Karin was so appreciative of all the hard work.

Karin has been distributing these items to members of our community and we have received thank you notes from several recipients expressing their appreciation. Because these items have been so well received we are asking for more of everything! And a special request has been made for Red, White & Blue shawls (20" x 70") for veterans.

For anyone who can knit, crochet, or quilt, please contact me for sizes and patterns. Yarn is greatly needed and donations can be brought to church on Sunday morning.

Blessings, *Gayle Marsh*

**A HUGE THANK YOU to Dawn Showers,  
the UMM and all of the many volunteers who  
made our Chicken BBQ, White Elephant Sale &  
Car Show such a great success!!**

*Pastor Gary*



Announcement Sunday was on April 15th. Arlene Tilison, Chair of SPRC, announced the good news from Bishop Kenneth Carter that Rev. Gary Tarleton will be re-appointed to Edgewater United Methodist Church. Pastor Gary will begin his new term along with his wife, Janice on July 1, 2018.

### THANK YOU!

EUMC CARING COMMUNITY wants to extend a big THANK YOU to all who donated their time and efforts to make the EASTER EGG HUNT and EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST a great success. We are blessed to have such dedicated people in our church family!

*Pat Tiffany*



### Peanut Butter

is needed for 3rd SUNDAY donations.

**Sunday, May 20, 2018**

*Thank you!*



Thank you for supporting the Children's Home through the *Fifth Sunday Offering*, as your support ensures that more children are shown God's love. Thank you for your partnership. April's total = \$205.00



### Edgewater United Methodist Church

#### Night at the Ball Park

Friday, May 18, 2018~Game Time 7:05 p.m.

Meet at the church at 5:45 p.m.

Leave for the Ball Park 6:00 p.m.

Daytona Tortugas vs. Dunedin

Tickets are \$7.00 per person (group rate)

Call the church office (386-428-6552) by 5/3/18

### CALENDAR OF CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS

#### Boys & Girls Club Mon.-Fri. 2PM-6PM

- May 3 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- May 3 8:30 AM Women's Breakfast (Ruthy's Cozy Kitchen NSB)
- May 3 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Adult SS Room)
- May 3 6:45 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- May 5 9:00 AM United Methodist Men Mtg.(Choir Room)

#### BLENDED SERVICES BEGIN

- May 6 10:00 AM Blended Worship Service
- May 8 12:00 PM Dorcas Circle (Menard-May Park)
- May 10 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- May 10 8:30 AM Women's Breakfast (Ruthy's Cozy Kitchen NSB)
- May 10 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Adult SS Room)
- May 10 6:45 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- May 12 1:00 PM Crafters 1-3PM (SS Rm. #1)



#### MOTHER'S DAY & COOKIE SUNDAY & 80+ BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

- May 13 10:00 AM Blended Worship Service
- May 17 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- May 17 8:30 AM Women's Breakfast (Ruthy's Cozy Kitchen NSB)
- May 17 9:30 AM Card Ladies (Choir Room)
- May 17 6:45 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- May 18 5:45 PM Night at the Ball Park (Daytona Tortugas)
- May 20 10:00 AM Blended Worship Service
- May 23 6:00 PM Naomi Circle Picnic (Linda Ruttly's Home)
- May 24 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- May 24 8:30 AM Women's Breakfast (Ruthy's Cozy Kitchen NSB)
- May 24 6:45 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- May 27 10:00 AM Blended Worship Service (COVERED DISH)

#### May 28 MEMORIAL DAY-OFFICE CLOSED

*Blended*  
WORSHIP

*Sunday, May 6th  
Begins our Blended  
Worship Services!*

*Please join us at 10:00 AM  
each Sunday throughout the summer.*



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 01—Peg Schrader +
- 01—Evelene Warren
- 02—Gayle Marsh
- 02—Rachel Over
- 05—Edna Lupo +
- 09—Joe Hale +
- 10—Caroline Schaefer
- 10—Jeannette Watson +
- 12—Ruth Michie +
- 13—Zander Macnab
- 19—Micah Macnab
- 23—Dot Myers
- 25—Julie Duleba
- 27—George Michie +
- 27—Jerry Wildberger +
- + = 80 or above



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 02—Bud & Arlene Tilison
- 03—George & Ruth Michie
- 15—Vincent & Helen Karl
- 22—Jim & Hedy Jacobsen

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

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|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Dolores Ace             | Gillisse Family      | Randy Miller          |
| Jerry Adams             | Randy Gilchrist      | Rev. Bob Moffat       |
| Gayle Allen             | Eric Glass           | Al Moore              |
| Phil Averitt            | Richard Gula         | Lorie Morris          |
| Colleen Band            | Mike Hockett         | Brandy & Duke Moseley |
| Greg Brice              | Joy Hughes           | Bill Myers            |
| Thelma Buchard          | Ruth Humphrey        | Oliver Family         |
| Tom Carrigan            | Donna Jackson        | Periman Family        |
| Leigh Clark             | Scott Jackson        | Maureen Powers        |
| Jim & Shirley Clevenger | Phil Johnson         | Nicholas Presutti     |
| Brandy Crisafulli       | Jordan Family        | Ivan Rua              |
| JoEllen Curtis          | Erin Juliano         | Carol Rutter          |
| DeLoe Family            | Mason Joseph Kiep    | Nettie Secrest        |
| Kevin DeVault           | Cassidy Klaybor      | Alan Storm            |
| Cathy Elledge           | Brenda Kupris-Cary   | Patty Stupyra         |
| Myrle Ewing             | Laibe Family         | David Sullivan        |
| John Fienning           | Sandy Langlois       | Peggy Thurman         |
| Theresa Flaitz          | Judy Littorin        | Erica Williams        |
| Dee Foster              | Pat McNabney         | Christy Wood          |
| Tom Freymuth            | Miles Gresham-Miller | Bill Young            |



Please keep in prayer and make a point to call, visit or send a card to our shut ins:

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|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Norma Cassada | Louise Mills     | Bill Price      |
| Pat Chaney    | Wilma Montgomery | Lois Ann Rector |
| Jim Clevenger | Vivian Nunn      | Marie Scudder   |
| Meta Devlin   | Ruth Pawlowski   | Phyllis Sperry  |
| Betty Kormylo | Martha Petersen  |                 |

If you need an address or phone number please call the office:  
(386)-428-6552



 Please pray for our snowbirds as they make their travels north this month.

  
With Honor & Gratitude  
We Remember  
**OFFICE CLOSED**  
**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**MONDAY~MAY 28, 2018**