

WOMEN OF APC

Proverbs—The Way of Wisdom

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 9:10). Right fear of God is that reverential fear which boldly leads us toward God and not crouching away from him. As we spiritually mature, we learn to apply godly wisdom to many areas of our lives.

The book of Proverbs, which we will study together on Tuesday mornings this fall, is a treasure trove of practical wisdom in poetic form. How wonderful that our creative God gives us his wisdom in this form, awakening our imaginations and stirring our hearts with “words fitly spoken, like apples of gold in settings of silver.” These pithy and memorable statements are accessible to a child’s understanding, yet so complex that we can ponder them throughout our lives and never fully plumb their depths.

Proverbs is a vast collection of wisdom writing that introduces many themes, revisiting them and intertwining them throughout the book. It often takes multiple readings for these themes to surface. A helpful way to study the book is to read daily the chapter which corresponds to that day’s date. So why not begin on September 1 by reading Proverbs 1, and work your way through a chapter a day? If you follow this pattern until year’s end, you will have read through Proverbs four times.

Memorization is the next step to deepening our understanding of Proverbs. See the verses in the side bar and consider committing them to memory as you explore the many themes of Proverbs.

For an in-depth study of these topics, join us on Tuesday mornings beginning September 11. If you are unable to join us, contact Jean-Marie VanCannon in the church office to learn how you can access the large group teaching online. And consider using the study guide by Kathleen Buswell Nielson, *Proverbs, the Way of Wisdom*, which is the source for the topics and suggested memory verses listed to the right.

“May we hear and respond to wisdom’s call as we read Proverbs. May we follow her voice into the marketplace, into the church, into our bedrooms and our kitchens—into every corner of our lives. May her words, so fitly spoken, shine for us more and more like apples of gold in settings of silver. May wisdom light our paths, so that they shine brighter and brighter, until full day (Pr. 4:18). Finally, as we are reminded over and over again of the wisdom come down to us, the light of the world, even Jesus Christ our Lord, may we hear his voice more clearly and shine his light more brilliantly into every part of our lives and our world.”
Kathleen Nielson

Navigating Proverbs

Proverbs 1:5-6



Proverbs’ Foundation

A Relationship with God

Proverbs 9:10



Desiring Wisdom

Proverbs 8:10-11



Words of Wisdom

Proverbs 12:18



Wisdom at Work

Proverbs 12:14



Wisdom in Relationships

Proverbs 18:24



Wise Hearts

Proverbs 4:23



Wisdom in Marriage and Sexuality

Proverbs 17:1



Wisdom and Discipline in a Parent/Child Relationship

Proverbs 6:23



Wisdom and Prosperity

Proverbs 11:28



Wisdom for the Future

Proverbs 4:18

Women in the Word

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

September 11 through November 13 from 9:30-11:30 AM in the Fellowship Room. This semester we will be doing an in-depth study of Proverbs. Through large group instruction, small group discussion, and guided individual study we will endeavor to hear and follow the call of wisdom in our homes and families, the marketplace and the church. Materials are available at no cost. Loving childcare provided! Invite a friend and join us!

Wednesday Night Ladies Bible Study

September 5 through November 14 from 6:15-7:15 PM, we will study *From Garden to Glory*, a video and discussion course that will take us through the larger themes of Scripture. Courtney Doctor will help us to understand the epic and cohesive story of scripture from Genesis to Revelation, of God's grand mission to redeem and restore his rebellious and wayward children. Courtney is director of women's ministry at Kirk of the Hills and received her MDiv from Covenant Theological Seminary. Facilitated by Kristin Presley. Cost for materials, \$15, available in class or in the church office.

Service and Care Ministries

The service and care committees continue to faithfully serve the APC community. Women with a heart to serve and a desire to minister in the name of the Lord are most welcome. Please contact Nicki Kennedy at 828-335-4804 or Jean-Marie VunCannon.

Bereavement Committee - provides a meal for bereaved family of church members

Hands of Faith - care for members with cancer and their families

Hospitality - coordinates the Easter and Christmas brunches as well receptions for transitioning staff

Leader Feeders - prepares dinner each month for the officers during the session and diaconate meeting

Meals Ministry - provides meals for church families: births, illness, etc.

Moms in Prayer - moms and grandmothers praying for children of all ages

Prayer Chain - prays for the needs of church members and friends via email. Email apcprayergroup@gmail.com with a prayer request or to be added to the prayer chain.

Prayer for APC Women's Ministry - prays for women's ministries and leadership

Sewing Sisters - meets 2nd and 4th Mondays to work on sewing projects for church and community. All skill levels welcome.

The Vision of APC Women's Ministry

APC women's ministry is anchored on the authority of God's Word and exists for the glory of God. Our vision is that the women of APC would embrace and embody God's design for us as worshipers, complementarian life-givers and helpers. We seek to accomplish this through study and application of Scripture, mentoring, serving, showing mercy and compassion, building covenantal community, and exercising spiritual gifts in the home, church, city, and world. We are committed to passing on this legacy of Biblical and covenantal womanhood to women of all ages and to future generations.

Upcoming Events

September 6

6:30-8:30

"Sweet as Pie"

Join us for an evening of sharing and encouragement as we fellowship with our Arden sisters and enjoy homemade pie.

September 5

Ladies Wednesday evening Bible study begins

September 9

Jesse Tree participant sign ups at Welcome Center

September 11

Tuesday Bible Study begins

September 16

Jesse Tree participant sign ups at Welcome Center

October 26-27

Western Carolina Presbytery Fall Retreat at Ridgehaven

November 9-10

Table, with special guest speaker, Courtney Reissig

November - Date TBD

Jesse Tree Ornament Exchange



SAVE THE DATE!

Fri, Nov 9 ❖ 6:00 PM–8:30 PM

Sat, Nov 10 ❖ 8:30 AM-1:30 PM

**at Arden Presbyterian
Special Guest Speaker,
Courtney Reissig**

Does the thought of having guests in your home fill you with anxiety? Do these questions ever come to mind when considering opening your door to others...What will I cook? How should I decorate? What ever will we talk about? How do I share the gospel?

Join us as Courtney will encourage us during general sessions and our breakouts will equip and prepare us. Together, we will learn how God can use us in our homes to nourish others at the Table.

Courtney is a wife, mother, writer and speaker. She and her husband, Daniel, have four young boys and live in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Learn more about her on her blog at CourtneyReissig.com.

Mentoring and Discipleship

Titus 2 Small Groups

Informal groups of young and not-so-young women meeting monthly in homes to share a meal, build relationships, and discuss principles of Biblical womanhood through topical studies.

Ladies Book Club

Resumes at the home of Heather Wright, 9 Holly Ridge Drive in Oak Forest on September 10 from 7-8:30 p.m. At this meeting, we will introduce our new book, *Bread and Wine*, by Shauna Niequist. We will meet on September 24, October 8 & 22 and November 5 to discuss the book, fellowship, and sample recipes included in the book. This is a great book of essays to read as we approach our Arden Women's Conference, *Table*, in November. Please join us as we see how God nourishes us and then equips us to nourish those around us. For more information, text/call Sheila Wright at 828-708-2456 or Heather Wright at 828-412-1078.

Jesse Tree Ornament Exchange

Advent is a time of waiting, a time of anticipation and preparation for the coming of Jesus. There are many ways to get ready for Christmas. Jesse Tree is one way. A Jesse Tree is a tree branch decorated with symbols representing the stories of people in Jesus' family tree (Isaiah 11:1). Jesse was the father of David, Israel's greatest king. And it was from David's lineage that Jesus came. That's where the idea of using a Jesse Tree to celebrate Advent came from. Before a symbol is hung on the branch, a Bible passage or a story from a story Bible is read. Each woman participating will make 26 ornaments of the same kind and exchange them to create her own collection or even a collection to give as a gift. We will gather in mid-November for a time of sharing and exchanging of ornaments. Sign up to participate at the Welcome Center on September 9 and 16.