

# May 2018



**Church Cleaning:**  
 5th—Barbato  
 12th—Thompson  
 19th—Brown

**Lawn Care:**  
 5th—Brandon Lee  
 12th—Rollin Carris  
 19th—Austin Suing  
 26th—Greg Kehoe




**STAFF NEEDED!**  
 Old Faithful Christian Ranch in Island Park is looking for help with their summer camps!

**Sr. High Camp** (10<sup>th</sup> grade-grad. senior)  
 July 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Male cabin leaders, music leader/team, photographer, audio/visual, handyman

**Jr. High Camp** (8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade)  
 July 16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup>  
 Cabin leaders, cooks, music leader/team, audio/ visual, photographer, handyman, dishwashers

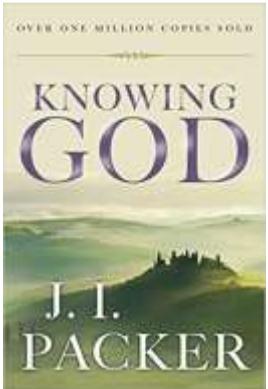
**Middle School Camp** (6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade)  
 July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Male Cabin leaders, music leader/team, cooks, audio/visual, dishwashers, photographer

**Junior Camp** (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
 July 30<sup>th</sup> – Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Cabin leaders, music leader/team, cooks, audio/ visual, dishwashers, photographer

\*If interested, please call Brenda @ 208-390-9845 or visit us at [www.ofcr.org](http://www.ofcr.org)

**Book of the Month**  
 Are you interested in reading good, biblical, transformative books but don't know where to begin? Each month we will feature one book from our resource center in the lobby. Check it out if you are looking for something to read!

**This month's book is**  
***Knowing God***  
**J. I. Packer**



For over 40 years, J. I. Packer's classic has been an important tool to help Christians around the world discover the wonder, the glory, and the joy of knowing God. Explaining both who God is and how we can relate to Him, Packer divides his book into three sections: The first directs our attention to how and why we know God, the second to the attributes of God, and the third to the benefits enjoyed by those who know Him intimately. This guide leads readers into a greater understanding of God while providing advice to gaining a closer relationship with Him as a result.

**All Church Work Day**  
 We will be having an all church work day on Saturday, May 19th at the **Chubuck facility** from 9 am to noon. This will be a spring cleaning with work done both outside and inside the building. This is a great way for men, women, and families to get involved and serve. We hope to see you there. If you have questions, please contact Scott Larkin at 208-251-2386.

**Young Women's Retreat**  
 The youth group will be having their young women's retreat this year on May 18th—20th. If you have questions, please contact:  
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*princessdollydoo@gmail.com*  
**OR**  
 Samantha Peyrollaz at 208-851-8379  
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**Youth Group Reminder**  
 Youth group will be taking a break until May 23rd. Normal meeting times will resume on Wednesday, May 23rd at the Chubuck facility. If you have questions, please contact Brad Thompson at 208-251-0499.



**UBC Sermons on iTunes**  
 Did you know UBC sermons are available via iTunes in addition to our website? Search for "University Bible Church" in iTunes.

**Attention UBC Board Members!!!!** The May board meetings will be on the 8th & 22nd.



**BUDGET**

	<b>Received</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>\$43,964</b>	<b>\$35,417</b>
<b>For the Year</b>	<b>\$148,678</b>	<b>\$141,668</b>

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 NASB

# UNIVERSITY BIBLE CHURCH

## Tips for Interpreting Proverbs

By Dan Reinhold

May 2018

In April we began a two month series on the book of Proverbs. This rich and practical book is packed with treasures for those willing to do some digging. Richard Mayhue in his book *Practicing Proverbs* has some helpful tips for interpreting Proverbs that I will adapt in this article. Keep these in mind as you read through the book on your own.

**Look for parallelism between the lines of each verse.** Parallelism is a relationship of correspondence between the lines. If you don't quite understand one part of a proverb, look at the parallel line to see if it sheds some light.

*Sometimes the second line says the same thing as the first line.*

**Proverbs 16:18** Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before stumbling.

We are meant to see "pride" and "a haughty spirit" as essentially the same thing, rather than trying to determine how they are different than each other.

*In other cases the second line provides a contrast to the first line.*

**Proverbs 11:17** The merciful man does himself good, But the cruel man does himself harm.

*The second line can expand on the first line.*

**Proverbs 10:18** He who conceals hatred has lying lips, And he who spreads slander is a fool.

*The second line can also complete the thought by serving as a comparison.*

**Proverbs 25:25** Like cold water to a weary soul, So is good news from a distant land.

**Realize that no proverb or section in Proverbs intends to be an exhaustive, unabridged, final treatment of the subject at hand.** They are brief, memorable statements that are not intended to cover every possible nuance of a situation. For example, Proverbs 23:13 says, "Do not hold back discipline from the child, Although you strike him with the rod, he will not die." Of course the Bible has a lot more to say about parenting and discipline as well. Take each individual verse in the context of the rest of the book and the entire Bible.

**Proverbs should not be taken as absolute, unconditional, guaranteed promises but rather, by definition, as generalizations that can have exceptions.** For example, a common proverbial statement in the English language says, "Short cuts make long delays." Does a person sometimes get away with shortcuts? Of course. It wouldn't be as powerful if you added "4 out of 5 times" or "usually," but a wise person knows this is a general statement with some exceptions. Likewise, Biblical proverbs are principles not promises. If you read in Proverbs 10:4 "Poor is he who works with a negligent hand, But the hand of the diligent makes rich," you may wonder, "What about subsistence farmers in third world country? They may work sun up to sun down and barely make a living. Has God failed them?" No. In most cases, hard work pays off. In almost all cases, those who work hard are better off than if they had not worked hard (barely making a living compared to starving and begging), but these are principles not promises.

**Interpret proverbs in the cultural and historical settings of the time in which it was written.** This is a basic principle for interpreting any part of the Bible, but it certainly holds true for Proverbs. Interpret the proverb first to determine the original intent of the author and then develop personal applications and timeless principles in light of the interpretation. For example, Proverbs 24:27 tells a young man to prepare his field first and then build his house. The principle still applies even if you aren't a farmer. Find a means of supporting yourself before you invest in a home.

**Poetic features and figures of speech need to be taken appropriately into account.** Sometimes they are similar to features of modern poetry, like similes and metaphors. Other features are unique to Hebrew poetry. An example of this is a format that shows up several times in Proverbs. The author uses a formula that introduces a subject and then drives the point home by using a sequence of statements that build to the final item. It's easier to see than explain!

**Proverbs 30:18-19** There are three things which are too wonderful for me, Four which I do not understand: <sup>19</sup> The way of an eagle in the sky, The way of a serpent on a rock, The way of a ship in the middle of the sea, And the way of a man with a maid

In this figure of speech the author is highlighting that the thing that is truly amazing is the last item, the relationship between newly-weds.

**Be careful not to use Proverbs as a weapon against others, but rather for growing in spiritual maturity and wisdom in order to glorify God.** It's easy to read Proverbs and see lots of ways they apply to your spouse, boss, children, or friend. Resist that temptation and let the Word be a mirror to show you areas to grow!

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