

SERMON NOTES

MARCH 15, 2020

PROVERBS

Walk in the Way of Wisdom

PROVERBS 10:9 ~ INTEGRITY



WARRENTON BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

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Worship Services Every Sunday: 8:30 & 11 am | Sunday School: 10 am

WELCOME TO WBF!



Here for the first time?

Thanks for worshipping with us today! Please fill out a red "Let's Connect" card in the pew rack. Let that be your offering today.

Have children? Please see green "Children's Ministry" cards in the pew rack. Complete one per child so we can serve you better.

How can we pray for you? Write your request on a blue prayer card found in the pew rack. Place it in a wooden box at back of sanctuary

Sunday School for all ages: 10:00 - 10:45 AM (classes for kids age 5 - 9 y.o. in nursery, downstairs by Fellowship Hall).

Children's Program

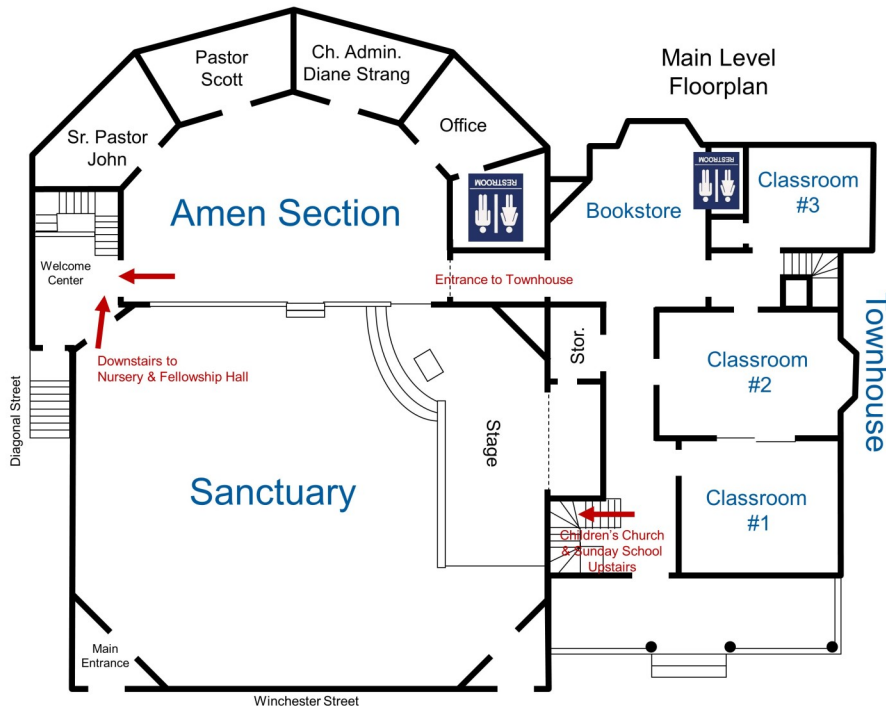
Nursery downstairs:

- **8:30 Service:** Available for use but not staffed
- **10 a.m. Sunday School & 11 a.m. Service:** Thru age 4

Children's Church during 11:00 service for **ages 5 - 9 y.o.**

Parents, please pick up your children after service in the townhouse (see map below).

Family Worship Sunday: 1st/5th Sunday of the month, **ages 5 and above** remain in sanctuary to worship with their families.



MORE IMPORTANT INFO



March 13, 2020:
Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

In cooperation with CDC recommendations, if you are experience any of the following symptoms or situations:

- ❖ Fever
- ❖ Cough
- ❖ Shortness of Breath
- ❖ Have recently traveled (Nationally or Internationally)
- ❖ Had direct exposure to Coronavirus

For your safety and the safety of those around you, please **DO NOT ENTER THE BUILDING.**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

February Giving:	\$33,607
February Expenses:	\$28,522
Last month we were ahead of expenses by:	\$ 5,085
Year to date, we are behind expenses by:	\$ 2,418



THE ELDERS' CORNER

NOTES FROM THE HEART OF WBF

As we see the growing panic all around us because of a virus, we should look to the example of King Asa who was one of the good kings of Judah. He cleansed the land of foreign gods and tried to turn the hearts of his people back to God. God gave him peace for ten years then he tested them when the Ethiopians attacked with a huge army. Asa's response was to trust God:

"O Lord, there is none like you to help, between the mighty and the weak. Help us, O Lord our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this multitude" (2 Chron. 14:11).

God's response was to give him a resounding victory and to send a prophet with a promise, a promise that Asa and the people of Judah followed for 35 peaceful years.

"The Lord is with you while you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you" (2 Chronicles 15:2).⁹ For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him" (2 Chron. 16:9).

Then Israel threatened to attack. Instead of trusting God, Asa turned to the Syrians for help. God sent another prophet to admonish him about his disloyalty to God, but Asa doubled down, persecuting those who agreed with the prophet. Three years later, God tested him again:

¹² In the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa was diseased in his feet, and his disease became severe. Yet even in his disease he did not seek the Lord, but sought help from physicians (2 Chron. 16:12).

There is no indication that he ever turned back to God, and the Bible says that two years later he died.

We are now faced with our own test, perhaps as great as an attacking army. Will we be like Asa, trusting God at the beginning of his reign, or will we be like the king who, at the end, drifted away, lived in fear and suffered the consequences?

"Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away" (Heb. 2:1).

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 15, 2020

Greeting & Announcements

Catechism:

(Children age 3 through 5th grade gather at pulpit steps)

Opening Prayer

Worship in Song

Message:

Walk In the Way of Wisdom: Integrity

Proverbs 10:9

Pastor Scott Ferrell

Scripture Reading

Tithes & Offering:

Visitors cards & envelopes for tithes & offering in pew racks

Sending Forth / Benediction

NEWS YOU CAN USE

WBF's Event Updates

In cooperation with CDC recommendations, and to hinder the spread of contagions, WBF has put in place the following precautions which we will recognize :

- **We will observe one service only (11 a.m.) on Sunday**
- **All other church events are canceled**
- **Please remain home if you or your family and children are not feeling well**

We will continue these precautions until concerns over the spread of the virus subside, which we suspect will be near the end of March or early April.

Shelter Bible Studies Cancelled Through March

We'll keep you posted about events scheduled in April, but for the time being the shelter has cancelled Bible study.

LETTER FROM THE ELDERS

Dear Warrenton Bible Fellowship Family,

With the spread of the coronavirus across the United States, please be assured of our prayers “that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul” (3 John 2). Through this disconcerting season, we desire to encourage you spiritually and to respond with appropriate measures to protect the health of our congregation.

As Christians, our one hope in every season of life is found in Jesus Christ. In Him, we are assured that God works all things together for our good; He never leaves us or forsakes us (Rom. 8:26-39). In all difficulty and trial, God is our refuge and strength (Ps. 46:1-3). Given this, we are free from being governed by the anxious concerns that assail us in a broken world (Matt. 6:25-34). God is our keeper; He never fails us (Ps. 121). Through the present crisis, please rest in these truths and entrust yourself to a faithful God who is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8).

For the upcoming Sundays, we will continue to gather for worship but with some changes and with several additional measures that we need to implement in order to hinder the spread of contagions.

Please assist us by observing the following:

- Beginning this Sunday, we will hold one service at 11:00. The 8:30 service is canceled as is Sunday School.
- All activities, including CONNECT groups and associated ministries, other than the 11:00 Sunday worship service are suspended. For this reason, the church will be unused except for the 11:00 Sunday worship service.

- Please carefully assess your health prior to attending services. If you or your family and children are not feeling well, please remain home.
- If you are uncomfortable attending or are in a high-risk category, please remain home.
- Please wash your hands regularly, especially after being in a public space.
- Prior to and after the service, we will choose to observe the “elbow bump” for a personal greeting. Alternately, please feel free to refrain from physical interactions. No judgment!
- During this season, tithes and offerings will be gathered by posting a deacon at each door with a basket where gifts can be deposited. Also, financial gifts can always be submitted online through the website.
- Prayer or counseling needs will be handled by phone or email.
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As the virus runs its course, we ask you to join us in praying for those impacted, especially for the medical professionals who serve the sick. Additionally, please let us know if you or someone you know is in need of assistance. Whatever the circumstances, we desire to love and serve those around us.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Grace and Peace in Jesus Christ,

Pastors John Kuvakas & Scott Ferrell

Elders Peter Ristau, Richard Ashby, Scottie James & Doug Sachs