

Jesus uses is an unique word that refers to “one who uses knowledge for his own interests and benefit” (*THAYER'S GREEK LEXICON*). Obviously, the wise man took great care to make sure his house was correctly constructed. Jesus tells us in verse 24 that everyone who hears his words and acts on them may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. Jesus spoke those things that were in our best interest for our good and ultimate salvation. James tells us that a man who is both a hearer and continual doer is one who will be blessed in what he does (James 1:25). A wise man benefits by hearing and doing. Sadly, James states, “*For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was (James 1:23-24)*.” Jesus explains in Matthew 7:26-27 that this kind of man is a foolish man who builds on the sand!

How did both the wise and foolish man learn whether his house was correctly built or not? It was when it was put to the test by the winds. “*And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house.*” For the wise, “*it did not fall!*” But for the foolish, “*And great was its fall!*” Thursday's winds proved the quality of the construction of many roofs. One day the winds will put our spiritual construction to the test. Therefore, isn't it in our best interest to build wisely by both hearing and doing? How is your roof? *Rick Bright*

It's God's Plan for Man

Believe: Hebrews 11:6, Mark 16:16, Acts 8:36-37, Acts 16:31

Repent: Matthew 4:17, Acts 2:38, Acts 17:30

Confess: Romans 10:9-10, Acts 8:37

Be Baptized: Acts 2:38, 1 Peter 3:21, Galatians 3:26-29, Acts 8:36-38,

Acts 22:16, Romans 6:3-4

Live Faithfully: Romans 6:4, Matthew 7:21, Matthew 28:20

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Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Worship: 10:30 AM / 6 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 PM

Thursday

Ladies Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Sun. Morning

Radio & TV

KTXR 101.3 FM

Lifeline 7:15 AM

Channel 10

Search 7:00 AM

Living Word, 7:30 AM

Channel 33

Know Your Bible, 10:30 AM

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BULLETIN

The Winds That Beat Upon The House

Matthew 7:24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock."

Thursday the wind advisories were alarming cell phones all across the Ozarks. Local TV news reported that wind gusts of 45 to 55 mph were common with peak gusts of 56 mph recorded in Springfield. Cathy and I were concerned that brother Harry might become like a kite with no string. He was struggling to stay upright and to move forward with his walker. While visiting Thursday afternoon in the neighborhood just west of the Marshfield Care Center near the cemetery, we witnessed houses losing shingles in the wind and a number of houses with previous roof damage.

When Jesus spoke of the blowing winds, he spoke of the force and power of wind using the words, “beat on that house.” The word “beat” is a word which means to violently rush upon, to beat upon, to beat against. The New American Standard version translates the latter part of verse 25, “*and the winds blew and slammed against that house.*” It is interesting to note that the word “beat” is an aorist indicative active verb. This indicates an action that once started in the past continues, or in other words the wind starts and continues to beat upon the house.

Thursday, as we drove around the neighborhood to look at the houses, we could watch the shingles lift in the strong blowing wind and then just keep lifting until the wind sent them flying with gust after gust. However, we noticed that among those damaged there were a significant number of homes that did not have any shingle damage at all. This caused us to wonder if the loss of shingles was an indication of the quality of the work done by the roofers? Did they install the shingles correctly? Did some of the workers decide it was faster if they used less nails? Over time did incorrectly installed shingles allow moisture to be absorbed into the decking so that they could be easily lifted by the strong and continuous wind gusts?

In Matthew 7:24 and 25, Jesus speaks of the wise man who built correctly on the rock. The word “wise” that

Privileged to Serve

Worship

Coordinator: Steve Crews

Announcements: Ron Peck

Sunday AM

Before Service Greeters:

Thad & Patsy Layne

After Services Greeters:

John & Marcie Marchand

Songleader: Jeff Fisher

Lord's Table

*Randy Hyder, Travis Hampton, Daniel Hyder, Luther Sheppard

Opening Prayer: Eddie

Watkins

Closing Prayer: Leon Moon

Sermon: Rick Bright

Sunday PM

Before & After Services

Greeters: Dean & Helen Buman

Songleader: Ben Greer

Lord's Table: Terry McMasters

Opening Prayer: Jim Cruise

Closing Prayer: William Wood

Sermon: Rick Bright

Wed. Night

Before & After Services

Greeters: Randy & Becky Hyder

Devotional: Rick Bright

Songleader: Scot Greer

Prayer: Eddie Watkins

News and Announcements:

Welcome Visitors

Please leave a record of your visit by filling out a visitor's card and placing it in the collection plate.



You Ought to be in Pictures! If anyone wants an updated picture for the new directory, please see Diana Greer in the fellowship room immediately following worship this morning.

Wedding: Charlotte Blackwell and Leon Moon would like to invite everyone to their wedding next Sunday, March 24. It will be here at the building at 2:00. Reception will follow in fellowship room.

Bibles for Soldiers: Bibles are needed to give to the men and women Paul Fisher is working with at Fort Leonard Wood. If you would like to contribute to this, you can give money to Janet Fisher or put your check in the collection and designate it is for Bibles.

On your Agenda!

Kid Sing starts at 6 p.m. this evening.



Fordland Youth Night: Those who are planning to travel together to Fordland for Youth Night need to meet at the building by 4:20. Youth Night will begin at 5:00.

Luncheon Planning: Non-widows will meet at 8:30 March 28 to complete planning the widow/widower luncheon.



March 24—Youth Focus
 March 28—Luncheon Planning
 March 31—Singing Night
 April 7—Fellowship Dinner
 April 12—Widow/Widowers Luncheon
 April 14—Sing at Nursing Homes
 April 14—Men's Business Meeting
 April 21—Youth Night
 April 28—Youth Focus
May 5—“All Out Day” For Friends and Family

Questions and Answers:

The answer the Apostle Paul gave to the question: “Has God cast away his people.” (Romans 11:1)

According to Jesus, those who are baptized are to be taught _____. (Matthew 28:18-20)

Remember in Prayer:

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. James 5:16

* indicates members at Marshfield

***Nacho Bram** will have cataract surgery March 29.

Greg Bright is improving and was able to stand with assistance.

Ken Cooksey has stage 4 renal failure and other health issues.

Donna Demshar is doing well after her heart procedure.

***Estelline Jones** has had low blood oxygen levels.

Kenna Kammerer has cancer and hospice has been called in.

Doris Letterman, Connie Isis's sister, is suffering from migraine and has pain in her legs and trouble walking.

Julie Matney has upcoming brain surgery.

Keith McHenry continues to have a multitude of health problems while waiting for a kidney donor.

Tye McMasters is able to walk short distances with a walker.

* **John Nash** has basal cell carcinoma and severe arthritis pain.

Donna Plummer's blood work showed she does not need chemo.

Diane Samuelson, friend of Jim King, has had a recurrence of her cancer.



Birthdays

Joshua Marchand

Philip Cantrell

Jill Peck

Bonnie Doherty

Harry Price

Alan Lamb

Pat Cruise

Julie Lamb

Connie Isis

Kay Lewis

Mona Page

Pauline Buttram

Bob Lewis

Courtney Peck

Margot Hyder

Ethel Dill

Anniversaries

Dean & Helen Buman

Steve & Michelle Crews

Micaiah Sedlacek, JoAnne's nephew, is having severe hip pain.

Issie Tabor (13), has had cancer 2 or 3 times and it is growing again.

James Taylor, a friend of the Hydres, is battling cancer.

Lorella Treadway will have her kidney transplant March 27. Her son, **Chad**, is her kidney donor.

Trudy Twitty, Terry McMaster's cousin, had her leg amputated.

Dan Wampler, Nacho's boss, has lung cancer.

Ron Webb, Pat Cruise's cousin, whose chemo treatments are no longer working.

***William Wood** would like prayers regarding the results of his recent PET scan.

Bruce Ziebarth had a stroke, but was able to go to work.

Remember The Homebound

- **Judy Barrow** (Webco)
- **Ronnie Cantrell** (Marshfield Care Center)
- **Mary Jo Dodson** (Webco)
- **Bonnie Doherty** (Webco East)
- **Ina Gillette** (Colonial Springs in Buffalo)
- **Estelline Jones** (Home)
- **Pat Lamb** (Marshfield Care Center)
- **Zoe Lawless** of Conway (Webco)
- **Rosalie Rosenberger** (Thad Layne's sister) is in a nursing home in Jacksonville, FL.



Record for March 10

Sunday AM	130
Sunday PM	90
Wed. PM	67
Total Contribution:	\$4129
2019 Contribution Budget	\$2416

Together we gather to partake of the memorial of Christ. 1 Cor. 11:23-26

