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POLISHING THE PULPIT

Robert Jefferies

PTP. Also now as, Polishing The Pulpit. Wow! Amazing! Incredible! Words seem inadequate to describe how much this week means to me. What is so great about this week? This is one of those weeks that I look forward to more than any other throughout the year. This is a week of professional development for me.

Renew, refresh, and recharge. This is the motto for Polishing The Pulpit. To say that I was renewed, refreshed, and recharged would be an understatement. It has been a tremendous week.

I cannot express how thankful I am to our elders for permitting me to attend this great workshop from the time I began working with Southaven. This year, 5,096 Christians converged on the foothills of the Smoky Mountains in beautiful Sevierville, TN. It's during this time that I and thousands of other Christians get an opportunity to refresh, renew, recharge, and have a great reunion.

At Polishing The Pulpit, I was able to hear some great sermons by some very talented preachers. This year, several pages of notes were taken, and I was privileged to hear lessons from Cliff Goodwin, Greg Dismuke, Steve Higginbotham, David Sproule, Chris Donavent, Aaron Gallagher, Cody Westbrook, Justin Morton, Clark Sims, Eric Owens, Dan Winkler, & B. J. Clarke. Many of these guys I was privileged to hear several times throughout the week.

Once again, Aylin had a blast. She spent a lot of her day in ladies' classes or classes with other teenagers. At night, she would sing a lot and eat ice cream with some of her dearest friends. However, this year was a little different, this was Aylin's last year to hang out with the teenage group before graduation. Next year, she will move into the young adult group.

Each year, the directors of Polishing The Pulpit, give a Lifetime Achievement Award to an individual who has given their life in service to our Lord. This year, Charles Cochran, was the worthy recipient. Charles has preached the Gospel for 56 years. For the past 43 years he has worked with the East Ridge congregation in Chattanooga, TN.

All in all, it was a great week! I have already started counting down the weeks until PTP 2027! Remember, there are now two Polishing The Pulpits. July 14-19 in Branson, MO (for those who cannot attend in August) and August 20-26 in Sevierville, TN. Please make your plans to attend, it is not just for preachers, it is for everyone.

WEATHERING THE STORM: FINDING STRENGTH IN TRIAL & HARDSHIP

Date	Title	Speaker
8-Jul-26	Weathering the Storm By Building on Solid Rock	Joe Ruiz
15-Jul-26	Weathering the Storm When the Storm Strikes Without Warning	Jameson Steward
22-Jul-26	Weathering the Storm When the Clouds Gather	Tommy Haynes
29-Jul-26	Weathering the Storm When the Storm Lasts Longer Than Expected	Chris Perry
5-Aug-26	Weathering the Storm By Remaining Calm in the Midst of the Storm	Cody Westbrook
12-Aug-26	Weathering the Storm By Holding Fast in the Storm	Chris Butler
19-Aug-26	Weathering the Storm Battling the Storm Within	Chad Ramsey
26-Aug-26	Weathering the Storm Light Through the Dark Clouds	Josh Walker
2-Sep-26	Weathering the Storm Because the Storm Refines Us	Andy Brewer
9-Sep-26	Weathering the Storm ... of Opposition	Aaron Gallagher
16-Sep-26	Weathering the Storm By Rising After the Storm	Mark Teske
23-Sep-26	The Storm Weathered: When the Sky Clears	Robert Jefferies

WHO IS A WISE MAN?

Clifton Angel

My younger sister once saw some professional photos of me and said, "There is a lot of gray hair on your head in those pictures." I replied in jest, "Wisdom." While we had a good laugh, gray hair is not a clear indicator of wisdom, as I know I've had some gray hair since at least 15 years of age. So I thought, let's consider "wisdom" from the words of one who was considered the wisest man upon the earth. "Wisdom" is found 54 times in the book of Proverbs. Therefore, we cannot consider every occasion now, but let us consider a few. Let us be reminded that proverbs are short statements with deep, general truths. In particular, proverbs from the book of Proverbs are breathed out by God (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16).

"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding" (Proverbs 3:13). "Wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it" (Proverbs 8:18). Proverbs 1:7 informs us, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;" Proverbs 9:10 tells us, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding." Furthermore, we are told, "The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honor is humility" (Proverbs 15:33). Contrary to the modern media and liberal, ungodly agendas, "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame" (Proverbs 29:15). Spanking your children properly is good for them.

If we truly want wisdom, "The LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly" (Proverbs 2:6–7). James, the "Proverbs" of the New Testament, adds more concerning our need to go to God for wisdom. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering" (James 1:5–6). "Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace" (James 3:13–18).

Now, back to the gray hair. Solomon also informs us, "The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness" (Proverbs 16:31). Gray/white hair is a "crown of glory" to the many years of experience it represents, IF those years are filled with righteous living. Are you "in the way of righteousness"?

Sunday Sermons

Three Things To Remember About The Bible (AM)

You Make The Choice (PM)

Bible Passages To Consider

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21)

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Betty Culbreath spent some time in the ER on Wednesday night. It was determined that she had pulled a muscle.

Dale Shull is in Baptist Desoto Hospital. He is being treated for dehydration and is having tests run.

McKayla Sisk spent some time in the hospital recently. She was discharged on Monday.

Sarah Hechavarria is recovering at home from recent surgery.

Annette Pilcher is going to be monitored with scans and medication.

Erica Stuckey is working on regaining her strength from a lengthy stay in the hospital.

Rona Johnson is making improvements.

Sheila Winstead is taking physical therapy.

Jerry Baird continues to be on oxygen at home.

Dorothy Butler is dealing with low oxygen levels.

Rannie Butler is taking therapy at Senatobia Healthcare and Rehab.

Jean Jones is taking therapy at Desoto Healthcare.

Lannie Smart, husband of Danna Smart, is receiving wound care weekly.

Jean Riddle, aunt of Erica Stuckey, suffered a fall at the nursing home recently. She is dealing with a lot of pain.

David Jones, friend of Terry & Brenda Harris, is in Baptist Desoto Hospital. He is being treated for pneumonia and low blood pressure.

Please continue to remember the following: **Betty Culbreath**, **Lucy Chamberlain**, **Joyce Valentine**, **Karen Oglesby**, **Don Sykes**, **Meredith Peek**, **Barbara Day**, **Alan & Linda Stone**, **Debbie Shull**, **Pat Pierce**, & **Beverly Parnell** in your prayers.

BATTLING CANCER

Please remember those who are fighting, or recovering from cancer: **Alan Stone**; **Pam Eaton**; **Charlene Farris**; **Andrew Utz**, great nephew of Peggy Shull; **Varda Cole**, sister in law of Linda Davis; **Don Cheathour**, friend of the Sykes family; **Joe Daly**, online viewer in England; **Houston Hall**, great nephew of Karen Oglesby & Beth Roney; **David Taylor**, neighbors of the Sykes; **Dan Manuel**, friend of Tommy & Peggy Shull; **Heather Butler**, daughter of Lewis Dawson; **Vickie Parker**, sister

of Nick Parker; **Kim Butler**, sister in law of Larry Butler; **Lily Jane Jordan**, neighbor's granddaughter of Terry & Brenda Harris; **Oakleigh Free**, great granddaughter of Alan & Linda Stone; **Mandi Singer**, friend of Erica Stuckey; **Mandy Dunbar**, friend of Erica Stuckey; **TJ Holt**, cousin of Amber Wallis; **Margarito Zuniga**, father of former member Alan Zuniga; **Becca Reynolds**, niece of Anita Sanders; **Laura Sowell**, mother of Erin Sowell, **Doreen Harris**, former member, **Glenn Jenkins**, the husband of Bonnie Reid's niece, **Carol Tierce**, sister of Peggy Shull & **Whitley Joy**, great niece of Larry & Elaine Melton.

SHUT-INS/ NURSING HOME

Lucy Chamberlain; **Debbie Shull**; **Beverly Parnell**; **Pam Eaton**; **Phyllis Smith**, The Gold-ton at Southaven Room #116.

RESPONSES

Anna Warren asked to be restored and for prayers of the church. She will be moving back to Southaven and worshipping with us again soon. **Teri Sykes** also asked to be restored and for prayers of the church. Please keep them in your prayers.

MEN TO SERVE - August 30th, 2026

Preside: Larry Nagle

Serve: Andy Young, Jefferson Mendoza, Colin Iglinsky, Jason Bayless, Nick Parker, Sammy Terrell, Carter Gahagan, Mike Jones

AM Opening Prayer: Jonah Adams

AM Closing Prayer: Wesley Williams

PM Opening Prayer: Gary Barch

PM Closing Prayer: Tyrone Willingham

Wed. Opening Prayer: Brian Briscoe

Wed. Closing Prayer: Jason Griffin

Announcements: Josh Walker

Song Leader: Michael Gahagan

Scripture Reading: Walter Warren

Security: Brian Williams

REMINDER:

If you are a song leader, scripture reader, or have opening prayer, you are asked to sit on the front pew when worship begins.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2: Andy Brewer will be our guest speaker for our summer series.

AUGUST FOOD TEAM

Captain: Mary Baldwin

Bonnie Reid, **Charlotte Dunaway**, **Rhnea Grady**, **Kim Wallis**

OUR RECORDS

Bible Study	207
A.M. Worship	275
P.M. Worship	158
P.M. Wed. Worship	171
Contribution	\$



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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class.....	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....	10:00 a.m.
Sunday P.M. Worship.....	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday P.M. Service.....	7:00 p.m.

ELDERS

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Larry Everson
David Rister

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Michael Gahagan
Aaron Gallagher
TJ Johnson
John Stubblefield
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