

August 26 ~ MOPS Pre-Registration
 August 28 ~ Men's Fishing Trip, Emeryville
 August 29 ~ Quito Quest 2010
 Sept. 12 ~ Baptism at Pinecrest
 Sept. 26 ~ Breakout/Awana begin
 Nov 12-13 ~ Women of Faith Imagine Weekend
 Nov 12-13 ~ Men's Annual Retreat

To get more information on these and other SBC events, please visit our website (www.sierrabible.com), e-bulletin, or go to the Front Porch/Welcome area.

New Pictorial Directory - we will be taking appointment sign-ups between services beginning August 29th (or you can go to our website now to schedule your appointment).

Manners Matter - for all 9th to 12th grade girls, Sundays 11-12:30 in upper portable (August 22, 29, Sept. 12, 19, 26 and October 3rd). Questions/RSVP, call Kathy (694-8255).

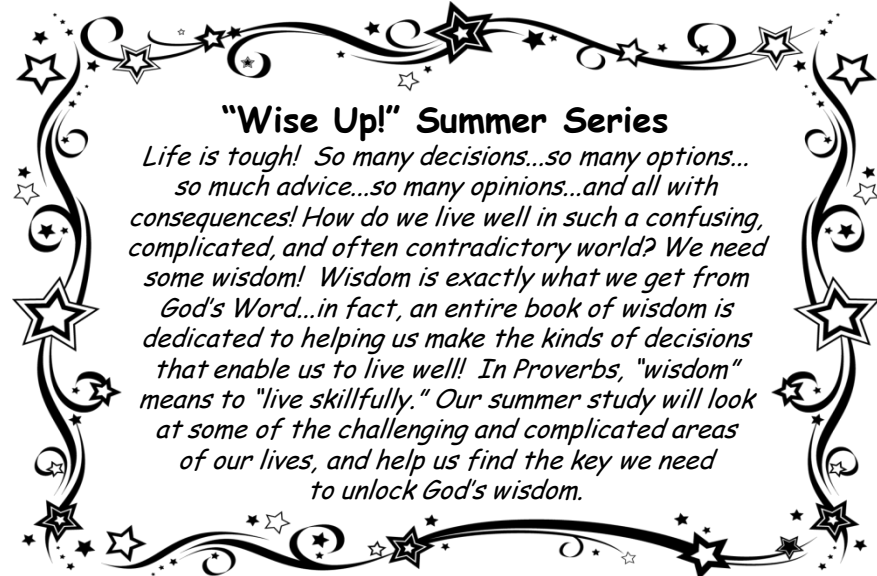
There are many opportunities for you to get involved in Worship Ministries: Sound, Lights, Projection Techs / Sierra Praise Choir / Service Coordinators / On-mike Singers / Instrumentalists / Bell Choir / Messenger Drama Troupe / Friendship Ministries Hosts. For more information on how to get involved in these ministries, go to the church website (www.sierrabible.com/ministries/worship-ministries), call or email Pastor Michael (michael@sierrabible.com) or Robyn (rbrooks@sierrabible.com).

Women of Faith Weekend, November 12-13 at Arco Arena - please contact Mary Freer (984-1547).

CNN needs regular spaghetti (no other type of pasta) for our CNN Client dinner on September 24th. Please drop in food basket in lobby or drop at office. Questions, call Lori (532-1381 x116).

Our purpose - "to introduce people to Jesus" - is the central message of the Bible. *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)*

If you have never accepted God's free gift of eternal life, we encourage you to do so today...and join us on the journey of "together becoming more like Christ".



"Wise Up!" Summer Series

Life is tough! So many decisions...so many options...so much advice...so many opinions...and all with consequences! How do we live well in such a confusing, complicated, and often contradictory world? We need some wisdom! Wisdom is exactly what we get from God's Word...in fact, an entire book of wisdom is dedicated to helping us make the kinds of decisions that enable us to live well! In Proverbs, "wisdom" means to "live skillfully." Our summer study will look at some of the challenging and complicated areas of our lives, and help us find the key we need to unlock God's wisdom.

August 22, 2010

First Time @ Sierra Bible Church?

Here are 6 things to know that can help your morning go well:

- Our nursery is available at all services (Infant up to 2 years)
- Individual classes for children 2 years old through 6th grade - 2nd & 3rd services in our children's building.
- JH & HS Youth Leaders connect with youth & parents at the Youth Greeting Area outside between services. (Info available on various youth activities as well.)
- Junior High & High School will meet with adults in Big Church this Sunday (22nd).
- Stop by Guest Central so we can meet you, answer your questions, and give you a Guest Gift Bag.
- Prayer Partners will be available after each service at the front of the Family Life Center.

Friendships Matter

Message #11 in Series: Wise Up! - 8/22/10

*He who walks with the wise grows wise,
but a companion of fools suffers harm. 13:20*

Fools Perish for...

..._____ of friends

...poorly _____ friends

What kind of person do you want to _____?

*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do
good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Ephesians 2:10

*For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness;
and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to
self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷and to
godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.*

*⁸For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure,
they will keep you from being ineffective and
unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

2 Peter 1:5-8

"If" we believe our _____ matter to God
"then" our _____ (or lack thereof) should matter to us.

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Wise Up! Principle: I _____ the _____ I keep

*A righteous man is cautious in friendship,
but the way of the wicked leads them astray. (12:26)*

Friendships are _____

A man of many companions may come to ruin,
but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. (18:24)

Friendships are _____

*A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for adversity. (17:17)*

Friendships are forged with _____

*Like a club or a sword or a sharp arrow
is the man who gives false testimony against his neighbor.*

*Like a bad tooth or a lame foot
is reliance on the unfaithful in times of trouble.*

*Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day,
or like vinegar poured on soda,
is one who sings songs to a heavy heart. (25:18-20)*

*Better is open rebuke
than hidden love.*

*Wounds from a friend can be trusted,
but an enemy multiplies kisses. (27:5-6)*

*A man who flatters his neighbor
spreads a net for his feet. (29:5)*

*Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart,
and the pleasantness of one's friend springs from
his earnest counsel. (27:9)*

*He who rebukes a man will in the end gain more favor
than he who has a flattering tongue. (28:23)*

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. (27:17)

Friends _____ let you in and _____ let you down

How am I doing?

- Am I more likely to be overly flattering or carelessly truth telling?
- When was the last time I chose to speak truth into the life of a friend? How did it feel?
- Who would you want to speak truth into your life? Why them?
- What are you waiting for?

What can I do now?

- Cultivate your friendship with Jesus
- Consider befriending those you are connected to now? 'de'friend?
- Create a list of 'character creating' candidates? Develop your inner circle.