

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

God's Wisdom for Education,
Proverbs 3:1-10 - Bradley Bell

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Families Seeking Wisdom

Call to Worship - Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Good morning and welcome to Antioch. My name is Aaron and I'm one of the leaders here. If this is your church—welcome back. If this is your first time—there are people with lanyards on, please let them know if you have any questions at all.

Every gathering here at Antioch begins with a call to worship. This is a call to hear, to leave our distractions and give our full attention. In the Old Testament there was a part of God's word called the Shema, which comes from the Hebrew word "to hear". God's people and their children would have memorized the Shema and used it as a daily call to worship. As I read it, hear God's ancient voice calling you to worship:

4 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:4-9

As we enter into a sermon series that focuses on families, let's allow the Shema to be our vision: families worshiping the Lord together, and Antioch as one big family worshiping the Lord together.

O Lord we pray, you are God, you are the only God. We love you with all our hearts, because you first loved us with all of yours. Amen.

Be Thou My Vision

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

Confession - Proverbs 30:1-4

One of the gifts that God gives to his people is sages. These are saints who are full of wisdom. One of them named Agur speaks to us in Proverbs 30:

The words of Agur son of Jakeh. The oracle.

The man declares, I am weary, O God;
I am weary, O God, and worn out.

2 Surely I am too stupid to be a man.

I have not the understanding of a man.

3 I have not learned wisdom,
nor have I knowledge of the Holy One.

4 Who has ascended to heaven and come down?

Who has gathered the wind in his fists?

Who has wrapped up the waters in a garment?

Who has established all the ends of the earth?

What is his name, and what is his son's name?

Surely you know! Proverbs 30:1-4

Agur was wise because he realized he wasn't wise. Instead of thinking he knew it all, he realized his need to go to the Holy One, the God of all wisdom.

Let's be a wise family who worships together, and confess to God our need for his wisdom. In what way have you been wise in your own eyes this week, instead of seeking God's wisdom? How are you weary and worn out from trying to figure out something beyond your understanding? Take a moment and like Agur admit your need to God...

Lord, you have ascended to heaven and come down

You have gathered the wind in your fists

You have wrapped up the waters in a garment

You have established all the ends of the earth

You are God

And the name of your Son—your wisdom—is Jesus Christ

Lord, we need him!

Lord I Need You

Sermon - Proverbs 3:1-10

Baptism - Halle Reynolds

Baptism is one of the most important steps of obedience a Christian can take. It is a declaration and display of the total salvation Jesus has already provided for us. A person is lowered into the water to symbolize the death of Jesus. Then the person is raised from the water to symbolize the resurrection of Jesus.

Now we will hear Halle's testimony, read by her mother, Shannon.

Middle school was rough and so was 9th grade. I would do things behind my parents' back and when they would find out, I would always lie about it. Then they would say, "I don't believe you," and they would find out the real truth. But the summer of this year was different and something changed. I felt like I had hit rock bottom and God used that to bring me to him. He used my dad saying, "We all expect to wake up every day, but that may not happen." Then I knew I would go to hell, and that scared me really bad. I prayed and asked God to save me. After I talked with my parents about salvation, I didn't feel like doing the things I did before. I don't have to lie to hide anything anymore. I can be free because God sent his Son Jesus to take away my sin and shame, by his dying on the cross.

Halle, thanks be to God for what he has done in your life! Baptism not only means you have committed to be a disciple of Jesus, but it also means the church commits to help disciple you. Church, we should feel the weight of this responsibility! (mentor) Let's start by taking a moment and pray for our new sister in Christ.

Brad: Halle, one important question before you are baptized. What is your sacred confession?

Halle: Jesus is Lord!

This morning Halle's dad, Matt Reynolds, will be assisting with her baptism. Halle, come forward and step into the water. Our sister in Christ, it is our honor to baptize you in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Buried in the likeness of Christ's death; raised to walk in newness of life.

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Jesus There's No One Like You

Announcements & Benediction - John 3:13

Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! We hope that you have experienced the welcome of Jesus. You may be seated as we give a few next steps from today's gathering.

Giving - We will be passing our giving baskets at this time. If you're a member of Antioch we ask you to give cheerfully. If you're a visitor we ask you fill out a visitor card from the basket and give it to one of us at the end of the gathering. And if you're not a Christian, we're not asking for your money—this gathering is our gift to you!

Family Groups - Also, this gathering is only one part of the life of Antioch. We would love to have you in one of our small groups that we call Family Groups, which meet in our homes. There is more info at the visitor entrance and on our website, but better yet talk to one of us.

Popup - In celebration of Promotion Sunday we are having a small popup on the porch (popcorn and drinks).

9 AM classes - Our 9 AM parenting class will continue next Sunday

Gentle and Lowly - Thanks to a promotion from Crossway we have free copies of the book Gentle and Lowly—enough for everyone to have a copy and even to take one for a friend or family member.

Food Pantry - This Saturday is Food Pantry, which is one of the ways we are sent locally to love and pursue relationships with our neighbors. Please come at 9:30 and see Bill Stayton for more info.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and we end with a benediction, which is a reminder that we have been blessed to be a blessing.

Church, you have been educated with God's wisdom: Jesus Christ coming down from the mountaintop to save us from our sins. May you go into a world leaning on its own understanding, and lead them on the path of wisdom.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Let's say this together: We are sent.

