Good Morning Conqueror’s Class!

Thank-You for braving the cold weather and being here in Conqueror’s Sunday School Class this morning! It is such a blessing to see each of you here today and I appreciate your faithfulness unto the LORD in coming to the house of God each week as you do!

Tonight, after our Sunday evening service we will be having our ‘New Member Fellowship’ here in Baker Auditorium. This is always such a sweet time of fellowship with those who have, at some time in the past year, come to join the fellowship of kindred hearts here at Church of the Open Door!

If you recently joined Church of the Open Door, we look forward to you coming and meeting our church office pastoral and office staff members, as well as other church and Christian School staff members and enjoy a time of Christian fellowship. We will have some finger food snacks too, so please, if you are a recent member here at Church of the Open Door, make plans to be here for this special time when we honour all our newest members.

I would also like to encourage each of you to pick up a new 2025 Church of the Open Door Calendar of Events bookmark from one of the tables in the church foyer. This little bookmark will help you know most of the *‘big calendar events’* and when they will be taking place in 2025! Pastor Belcher has laid upon us, and all our church family, this simple theme for 2025, and it is, *“Looking To Thrive in 2025”*.

That word *‘thrive’* is defined as meaning, *‘to grow vigorously, to flourish, to progress toward or realize a goal despite or because of circumstances’*. I truly believe the Lord God would have each of us, as born again believers, to strive to thrive for the Lord in all that we do, don’t you? I believe the Lord would want us to grow in the power of His Word and in the power of His might. And I truly believe that if we will keep our eyes of Jesus and stay in The Book as we allow The Book to stay in us, we can accomplish so many great feats for our Lord in this new year 2025!

The psalmist David put it this way in Psalm 1:1-3, writing, ***“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”***

May we all *‘strive to thrive’* for the Lord in all that we do in 2025 as we seek His Power and His Boldness, to reach our lost and dying world with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ before the Lord comes to take His children Home to be with Him, and it is then too late for those who have never heard of God’s great love, mercy, and grace that has been extended unto them!

The Bible still reminds us in II Peter 3:9 that ***“…Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”*** And in Romans 10:13-17, the Apostle Paul reminds us that ***“…whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But then he follows that statement up by asking, “How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!… So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”***

Let’s make up our hearts and minds to be all we can be for the Lord in 2025! God bless and thanks again for being here with us today! *~Ray Shutt – Conqueror’s Class Teacher*

**Birthdays for January 26, 2025 – February 1, 2025**:

Sandra Dietz – 01/26

Ervan Kibler – 01/28

Donald Graf – 02/01

**Anniversaries for January 26, 2025 through February 1, 2025**:

No Anniversaries Listed For This Week!

**Daily and Chronological Scripture Reading**:

for January 26, 2025 – February 1, 2025

**Song for the Back of the Bulletin**:

***“I Have Decided To Follow Jesus”***

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

***“Walking Wisely In A Foolish World” Series***

***Lesson Five: “The Wisdom of Godly Discipline” (Part Two)***

*Various Scripture Passages in Proverbs*

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Today’s Lesson Theme Verse is found in this passage of Scripture…

***“My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:
For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.”***

**Proverbs 3:11-12**

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Today’s Lesson Thought can be summed up in this one question…

***“How Do You Accept God’s Discipline—Or Do You??”***

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**Lesson: *‘The Wisdom of Godly Discipline’***

I : God’s Discipline

A: Its Reality

* Proverbs 3:11-12, Numbers 14:26, II Samuel 12:13-14

B: Its Rationale

* Proverbs 3:12, Hebrews 12:6, Genesis 4:1-7, Deuteronomy 8:1-5,
I Kings 3:6-9

II : Parental Discipline

A: The Responsibility

* Proverbs 4:1, Proverbs 13:1, Proverbs 15:5, Proverbs 22:15, Proverbs 23:13-14, Proverbs 19:18, Hebrews 12:5-11

B: The Results

* Proverbs 29:15, Proverbs 29:17

III : Self-Discipline

A: The Reminders

* Proverbs 1:8, Proverbs 4:13, Proverbs 6:23, Proverbs 8:10, Proverbs 8:33, Proverbs 13:18

B: The Rewards

* Proverbs 3:1-2, Proverbs 4:13, Proverbs 13:20, Proverbs 19:20,

Proverbs 13:18, Proverbs 3:11-12, Proverbs 16:6-7