



And Also With You

MID-AUGUST 2014

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AUGUST

SUNDAYS

10:00 am
Worship
(nursery provided)

Kids's Chapel
6:30 pm
The Union's
Worship

MONDAYS

6:30 pm
Graham Cooke
Group-455-5940

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am
Women's Bible
Study-990-2973

12:00 noon
Holy Communion

FRIDAYS

8:15 am
Men's Group-
422-3169

CHALICE BEARERS

August 24
Janic Terry
Kitty Barksdale

August 31
Jane and Bob
Grafe

September 7
Maggie Rockett
Susan Jones

September 14
Becky Johnson
Jan Bogue

Lady Wisdom and the Adulteress



The Reverend Scott Davis

Proverbs 1: 20-21 says, "*Wisdom calls aloud in the street, she raises her voice in the public squares; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out, in the gateways of the city she makes her speech...*" Proverbs 7: 11-12 says, "*She [the adulteress] is loud and defiant, her feet never stay at home; now in the street, now in the squares, at every corner she lurks.*"

The parallels between Lady Wisdom and the adulteress are fascinating. Both wisdom and adulteress are personified as women, one as chaste, while the other as immoral. One woman leads to life while the other leads to death. Wisdom is seen as a faithful wife, but the adulteress as a mistress. A wife is permanent, but a mistress is temporary. Both women are usually attractive but in varying ways. One relationship requires commitment, whereas the other expects none. A wife propagates future generations. The other woman is disposed of future generations if they happen to come about. One requires work in order to nourish intimacy, while the other demands money for intimacy. Intimacy is involved in both relationships, yet one relationship is authentic while the other only a counterfeit.

How does this apply to us since most

likely we have not spent time with an adulteress this week? Let's remove the sexual aspect from the mix and instead see her as the personification of anything counterfeit. When a person is tired, angry, lonely, or emotionally hungry, he or she will attempt to satisfy such valid needs with the counterfeit rather than the real. In twenty-first America, many such counterfeit solutions assail us. God tells us to be aware of the counterfeit, especially at times of loneliness and fatigue. Instead,

He encourages us to invest in wisdom which will endure versus the counterfeit which are only temporary.

In Proverbs 1 and 7, note from where Lady Wisdom and the adulteress cry. Mentioned in the verses from Proverbs are such places as "the street," "public squares," "noisy streets," "gateways of the city," and "every corner." How do these relate to us today?

Streets connect us with others; they are times of interaction and coming together. Any noisy street is the place where there is much traffic; for contemporary Christians, a street would be times such as the Christmas season or family weddings or other life events.

Public squares were the market places in Biblical times. For us, the public squares are the places where we conduct our business, such as when we go shop-



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ping, run errands, take care of the details of our lives or our careers. In Old Testament days, “gateways of the city” were places where the legal business of government was enacted. The walls of Biblical cities were thick. Down by the gate, a honeycomb of rooms were actually built into the dense walls to be where civic leaders and judicial matters would take place. Our “gateways of the city” are where we make moral decisions and judgments.

Finally, we are told that the two women stand at “the corners of the streets.” A corner only exists where there is an intersection, two streets coming together. For us, corners are the places in life where we can go in several possible di-



rections. Corners force us to make choices.

At these specific times, Lady Wisdom cries out, as does her counterfeit. We are promised that wisdom will be readily available to us at each point of decision, but so will her counterfeit. Wisdom will cry to us in the high traffic zones of life, but so will the counterfeit. Wisdom will be there in market place moments, but so will the world’s message, crying out as well.

One message will always urge us to take the shortsighted, comforta-

ble, easy way, offering a false sense of control, while God, through wisdom, shows us how to win for the long term, making decisions that will bless even future generations. Look for wisdom in these various places but also know that the adulteress lurks there too.

Blessings,
Father Scott +

July Financials	
Income	\$15,756
Expenses	\$17,009
Net	\$-1,253

Congratulations to Karen and Wick Skinner on the birth of their granddaughter, Elizabeth Cecile Skinner on August 4, 2014 in Chicago, Illinois



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Our love and prayers go out to the Rev. and Mrs. Alan (Teresa) Reid on the death of her mother, Jodie Jacoway, who died August 13, 2014.

Bill Johnson says that whatever you stare at grows. This is why when Peter saw Jesus walking on the water, he climbed out of the boat and began walking towards Jesus. When Peter stared at the wind and waves, they too grew in his soul and down he went.

Hebrews 12:2-“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith...”



Our love and prayers go out to Pat Jackson and her

loved ones on the death of her husband, Guy. Guy died in Christ on Saturday, August 16, 2014. His memorial service will be at Grace on Saturday, August 30. There will be a visitation prior to the service and the times will be announced later. Guy was active in the Kairos Prison Ministry, a former deacon in the Roman Catholic Church, an active participant in the Catholic Charismatic movement and was at the founding of Grace Church. He was a man of God and will be missed.