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WISDOM

*A Greater
Treasure
Than Wealth*

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*Fall Fun &
Fellowship!*

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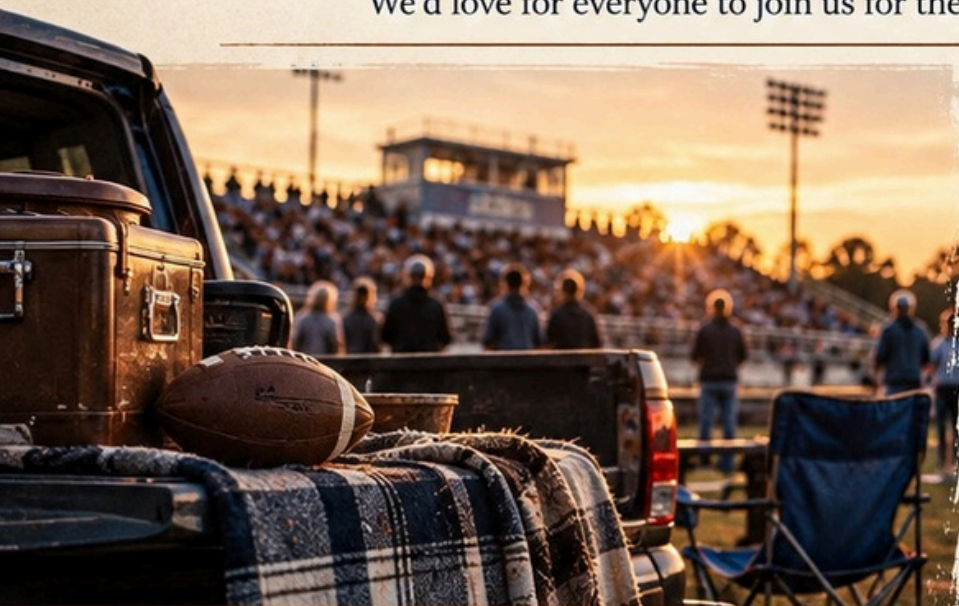
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Fall Fun & Fellowship!

October is here, and we have some exciting opportunities for our kids, students, and families to connect, have fun, and grow together!

We'd love for everyone to join us for these upcoming events.



TAILGATING

AT THE AYERSVILLE
FOOTBALL GAME

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9
BEGINNING AT 5:30 PM

Come hang out with us before the Ayersville football game! We'll be tailgating together and enjoying some food, fun, and fellowship.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us!



TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
3:30 - 5:30 PM

Join us for an afternoon of candy, costumes, decorated trunks, and lots of fun!

Our Trunk or Treat will be held in conjunction with the Highland Township Fire Department Chili Supper, making it a great evening for the whole family.

Bring the kids, invite a friend, and come enjoy the fun!



Want to participate by having a trunk?

Let us know — the more the merrier (or scarier 😊)!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

October is a great month to connect, have fun, build friendships, and grow together.

We hope you and your family will make plans to be part of these upcoming events!

Invite a friend and join us!



WOULD YOU RECOGNIZE *HIM*?

Sometimes we're so busy looking for an image of Jesus that we fail to recognize His presence.

A while back, just for fun, I asked ChatGPT to create an image of me as though I were living in the 1930s. Interestingly, not much changed about my features. Then it gave me renderings of myself through several different decades. The clothes changed. The hairstyles changed. The world around me changed. But somehow, I was still recognizable.

It caused me to wonder:

If Jesus came back simply to be here, would we recognize Him?

Not His second coming in triumph and glory. Not the scene described in Revelation. Imagine instead that He came among us simply as a visitor.

Would we recognize Him?

Would we be looking for the linen or wool robe? The long hair and beard?

Would we expect Him to look like the paintings and pictures we have seen since childhood? What would we actually be looking for that would cause us to say, "That's Him. That's Jesus."

I think sometimes our religion gets in the way of how we expect to see Jesus. We become so accustomed to an image of Christ that we can overlook the ways He told us we would encounter Him.

Jesus describes a day when people will ask Him, "When did we see You?" His answer is striking. Whatever you did—or did not do—for the least of these, you did—or did not do—for Him.

Maybe, then, the question isn't simply whether we are looking for Jesus to return. In many ways, He is already here.



"WHEN DID WE SEE YOU?"

He is present in the hungry.
The stranger.
The overlooked.
The lonely.
The person who needs mercy.
The person we might otherwise walk past.

And for those who belong to Christ, there is an even more personal question: How are you bearing His image?

Is Christ merely an image you are waiting to see someday—or is He recognizable in you today? Is He present in the way you speak? The way you forgive? The way you serve? The way you treat someone who can offer you absolutely nothing in return?

Perhaps we have spent so much time imagining what Jesus looks like that we have forgotten to ask what Jesus looks like through us.

ONE DAY WE MAY ASK, "LORD, WHEN DID WE SEE YOU?"
MAYBE THE MORE IMPORTANT QUESTION TODAY IS:

Would we recognize Him if we did?



PAULA ROTH

*“The fear of the
Lord is the beginning
of Wisdom.”*

PROVERBS 9:10



WISDOM



Do we place as much emphasis on Wisdom as we do other areas of life? In Proverbs we learn it is far more important than wealth!

According to Solomon: “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom” (Proverbs 9:10). The word “Fear” comes from the Hebrew word “Yirah” meaning reverent awe, deep respect, and humble submission. This awe and humble dependence form the foundation of all true Wisdom.

One of Solomon’s first acts as King was to ask God for Wisdom and God was pleased.

True Wisdom leads us to place God at the center of our lives.

As we humbly depend upon God we learn the path to Wisdom.

When we choose God’s way, He grants us Wisdom. Through the Bible His words lead us to live rightly, have right relationships, and make right decisions.

This gift of Wisdom is what we should be intentional about learning. It is far greater to be shared and passed on above anything else deemed important in our lives.

— Paula Roth

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WEDNESDAYS

A2C NXT — 6:30–7:30 PM



THURSDAYS

Women's Bible Study — 10 AM

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Community Breakfast — 7:30–10 AM

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Tailgating at Ayersville football game — 5:30 PM

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Saturday, October 10

Men's Bible Study — 9:15 at
Cosmo's Restaurant

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Annual Business Meeting — 5 PM

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Trunk or Treat — 3:30–5:30 PM

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 AND WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Noodle making — 1 PM



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