

CARRILEA'S CORNER

Last Sunday we talked about cultivating wisdom. Wisdom is what enables us to remain steady when the storms come—and they will.

Wisdom supports our resilience so that when storms come, we are able to get back up, bounce back, bend but not break, and sometimes even grow stronger under pressure.

But wisdom doesn't usually arrive in dramatic moments. It's cultivated slowly, through small choices, honest reflection, and paying attention to our lives. Wisdom traditions—from scripture to philosophy to psychology—remind us that wisdom is less about having the right answers and more about becoming the kind of person who can navigate life with clarity, humility, and compassion.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus ends his teaching with the story of two builders. One builds a house on sand, the other on rock. The storm comes to both houses. The difference is not the storm—but the foundation.

That's what wisdom is about. It's about building a life that can hold when the winds rise and the waters surge.

Which leads to a question many wisdom traditions ask in different ways:
How do we cultivate wisdom?

Some say it comes through experience. Others say through reflection. Some say through learning from elders. And scripture often suggests that wisdom grows when we learn to listen—to God, to our neighbors, and even to the deeper truths within ourselves.

Lent, with our theme of Cultivating and Letting Go, invites us to be intentional about this process.

So this week I've been asking myself:

What practices help me become wiser?

Who are the wise people in my life that I can learn from?

What habits or patterns might I need to let go of so wisdom has room to grow?

These aren't questions with quick answers.

But they are questions worth carrying.

Would love to hear your thoughts about cultivating wisdom!

Gratefully,

Carrilea

March 1-7, 2026

March Birthdays

5 - Zoe McMillan
7 - Gina DeLong
9 - Donn Wardo
10 - John Marshall
10 - Terry Hamby
13 - David Rogers
17 - Louise Grose
28 - Lisa Wardo
31 - Sam Scott



The Mission Board will be "Cultivating Young Minds" by collecting books and money for Speak Life and Live's summer reading camp. The camp is completely free to the kids who participate, and books are available for them to take home and keep. We are asking for donations of money (the cost for the camp is \$150/child), and new or gently used books, beginning reader through young adult levels. Thank you for your generous support of our special offerings!

**ICM NEEDS CEREAL, RAMEN
NOODLES, AND MAC-N-CHEESE.**

Upcoming events

**Saturday, March 21: Family Picnic at noon at Lake Norman State Park.
More info to come.**

Thursday, March 26th: we will be doing a Beer & Hymns at 6pm at Red Buffalo.

Easter Saturday: April 4 Egg Hunt and Easter Party on the church grounds.

Maunday Thursday Meal: April 2- 6:00pm.

Easter: April 5 - Sunrise service at 7am, with a lite breakfast, no Sunday School, then worship with Contata at 11:00am.

BUDGET

Needed year to date: \$19,062.00

Received year to date: \$18,425.21

UNDER budget: \$636.79

Weekly needs: \$2118.00

This Week's Offering: \$2479.10



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