

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Josh Berryhill

Opening Prayer: David Key

On the Table: Head - Billy Box
Servers - Bradley Box
Ralph Burleson
Greg Lowery

Closing Prayer: Al Corkren

Preparing the Lord's Supper Vertie Mae York

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Other People's Words



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Sins Of The Tongue By Rodney Nulph

You can change your world, by changing your words! The words we speak are so very powerful. Sadly, Christians can use the tongue to their own and to others' eternal harm. The warnings God sets forth in Scripture regarding the tongue are many. "There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing" (Proverbs 12:18 ESV). "Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble" (Proverbs 21:23). "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit" (1 Peter 3:10). For further study, consider Proverbs 18:21; 20:19; 26:20; James 3. A seemingly faithful child of God can become unfaithful very quickly by the misuse of the tongue. As God's children, what are some of the sins we must be vigilant not to do? While the following will certainly not be exhaustive, we shall seek to address some of the more common sins of the tongue.

Gossip

Someone has correctly called gossip the reputation assassin. Often gossip is thought of as sharing something untrue about another. In fact, this author has personally heard Christians attempt to defend gossip by saying that what they repeated was true. However, the biblical idea of gossip is not just repeating false things about another, but it can entail repeating true things as well. "A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter" (Proverbs 11:13). "He that covereth a transgression seeketh love: but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends" (Proverbs 17:9). Should I repeat what I am about to repeat? THINK! "T," is it true? "H," is it helpful? "I," is it inspiring? "N," is it necessary? "K," is it kind? A general rule of thumb that may help is: When in doubt, do not say it!

Criticism

Sadly, we need to make serious evaluation of our words here! Christians, by the very nature of the lifestyle are encouragers. There is no doubt that any of us can easily find fault in each of us! However, what we see is often what we are looking to see. A public speaker once held up a white cloth with a small black speck in the middle. He asked his audience what they saw. The audience unanimously said, "A black speck." However, the entire white cloth went unnoticed. How often is this true of the view we have of our

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Patty Berryhill: having problems with a hernia, please pray that the doctors can help her with this problem

Billy Lee & Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn's Brother & Sister} both are in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray for them they both have some health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Don Lawrence: dealing with some health issues, please continue to keep him your prayers

Buddy Frazier: undergoing cancer treatments, please keep him in your prayers

Hunter Coal Corkren: treating his kidney problem with medicine, please be praying that this problem clears up with this treatment

Felicia Berryhill: she is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that she will be able to receive the right medical treatment to help her

Al Corkren: is continuing to improve, please be praying that his recovery will be successful

Angie Ganey Gardner: breast cancer surgery went well and is waiting learn the next course of treatment, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

David Warren: has been diagnosed with cancer, please pray that it will be treatable

Bobby Sanderson: continues to improve, please pray he has no further problems

Gunner Pendley: suffering from severe brain injury, please keep him and family in your prayers

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Wyatt Spann: is currently fighting a brain tumor, please pray that with medical help he can win this fight

Pam Davis {Adrian’s daughter} has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that it can be defeated with treatment

Indee Kois {student at BHS}: she is still dealing with some health issues , please pray that the doctors will be able to help her

Frank Farris: is recovering from a stroke, please keep him in your prayers

Kye Jackson: {Lindsey’s son} diagnosed with arthritis he is 2 years old, pray that he will receive successful treatment for this arthritis

Faye Jordan (Vertie’s sister): she is improving and is in rehab in Fulton for 21 days, please pray that she will have no further problems

Jeff Upton (Donna Martian’s Co-worker): weakness in his legs, please pray that this will improve

Jeff York (Vetrie’s son): is back home and is recovering from recent infection, please pray that he has no further problems

Judy Shirley: had part of her lung removed because of cancer and is waiting to hear from the doctors, please pray that she will receive good news

Ruth Addison: experienced a fall last week and is weak, please pray that she will get stronger and be able to attend worship, which is her desire

Mary Box: experienced a fall had has some cracked ribs and some other health problems, she is in rehab at the nursing home room #18, please pray that she will get better

brothers and sisters in Christ? We all have some black specks, but in most cases, there is so much good that we surely can look past those small specks! James warned, “Speak no evil of one another brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge” (James 4:11). This is the idea Jesus had in mind when He said, “Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgements” (John 7:24). Are you critical of others? Instead of spreading criticism, spread love, joy and encouragement (Hebrews 10:23-25).

Contentious Words

While some contention or dispute in life is unavoidable, we can still disagree without being contentious! The wise man penned, “A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger” (Proverbs 15:1). Christians must be de-escalators. Instead of escalating and intensifying a sticky situation, our words can soften and de-escalate a possible blow-up. If a small fire begins in your home, you can choose to either fuel that fire or extinguish it. If you spray water on it, you will obviously extinguish the blaze. However, if you throw gasoline on it, well you get the point! By our actions and words, we can help or hinder a possible inferno. “Like charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire, So is a contentious man to kindle strife” (Proverbs 26:21). “And be ye kind...” (Ephesians 4:32a).

The tongue is such a powerful weapon! Death and life are both in the tongue (Proverbs 18:21). A paraphrased story that illustrates the need for careful evaluation of our words reads like this:

George Brown heard the clatter of a wheelbarrow in front of his house. He stepped to the window, wondering who it could be. It was Manley Strong with his wheelbarrow loaded with all manner of garbage. He turned into the yard and approached the front door. His collection of rotten apples, tin cans, ashes and what not contrasted strongly with the neat lawn and beautiful flower beds.

“Good morning, Mr. Brown. I’ve brought you a load of garbage, and I’m wondering where you wish to have it dumped.”

George Brown’s eyes opened widely with surprise. “Where do I wish that stuff? Have you gone crazy? Do you see any signs telling you to dump garbage here?”

Manley pointed to a beautiful flower bed. “There is room for it there,” he suggested. “I believe that’s a good place to dump it.”

George Brown gasped. “You dump that stuff here and see what happens,” he threatened.

“Would you prefer it in the middle of the lawn?” Manley asked.

“Say, what’s the meaning of this?” the irate owner asked. “The best thing you can do is to get that stuff out of here.”

Manley nodded. “I really believe this stuff should be taken to the garbage dump,” he agreed, “but I thought if you could dump your garbage where you pleased, I certainly should have the same privilege.”

“What do you mean?” George Brown asked.

“Let me refresh your memory. You’ll understand what I mean. Do you remember talking yesterday afternoon with a group of boys? Before you left them, you dumped a foul story on them, and also some profane language. Two of those boys are in my Sunday School class. I spend time and effort to keep their lives pure and clean, and they are as much a source of pride to me as your beautiful lawn and flower beds are to you. Yet, you dumped your foul garbage on the minds of those boys. Having done so, you laughed and went away, leaving the garbage there to breed evil thoughts and possibly evil deeds. You do not wish your flowers buried beneath a pile of garbage, and neither do I wish the purity of those boys spoiled by your offensive language. You could remove this stuff from your lawn, but it is more difficult to remove evil thoughts that have been sown in the mind.”

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Share the Blessing

By Derek Broome

Being a part of the church is an amazing blessing that we as Christians get to experience every day. First, we know that we have been saved and added to the church by the Lord (Acts 2:47). There are so many people in the world who are lost in sin as we once were. It is such a blessing to know that our sins have been washed away (1 Corinthians 6:11) and that we are in a right relationship with God right now. As saved Christians, we worship, work, fellowship and grow closer to one another and to God. It is amazing to be part of the family of God (Ephesians 3:15) where we can develop and work as Christians together. Knowing that you always have a church family to which you can turn is such an incredible blessing in the life of a Christian. For some people, the church is the only family they have. We always need to remember that we are so very blessed to be a part of the body of Christ.

The church is such a blessing to our lives when we let it be, but what are we doing with that blessing? Are we keeping that blessing to ourselves, or are we sharing that blessing with the world (Mark 16:15-16)? If we really want those who are lost in sin to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4), we have to share the good news of Christ and the blessing of His church with the entire world. I hope that our lives are filled with the responsibility and the desire to share the Good News of Christ. The greatest thing we can do for another person is to share with him or her the message of the cross and the love that the Savior has for us all.

We are so blessed to be part of the body of Christ. Let us decide this day and every day to share that blessing with others.

Upcoming Events

Today	Country Place	2:00 pm
August 11 th	Nursing Home	2:00 pm
August 18 th	Fellowship Meal	