



Cancer

Brad Hurd. Liver cancer & spreading to lungs.
Steven Kelly. Friend of Lovell's. Stage 4.
Ken Moran. Odell's son. Stage 4 cancer.
Joseph Shulam. Father in law to Beth Shulam.

Special Needs

Ryan Kendrick. Special needs.
Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Nursing Home

Sibbie Byrd. Health issues.
Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia .



Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.
Jack Beavers. Health concerns.
Sammie Beavers. Health concerns.
Simon Beavers. Health issues.
Dixie Clifton. Health concerns.
Drew Clifton. Dixie's grandson.
Jo Anne Hairfield. Health issues.
Norman W. Hill. Health concerns.
Hester Hollandsworth. Health issues.
Matthew Hollandsworth. Health issues.

Anita Hopper. Health concerns.
Rita Lawless. Health issues.
Odell Moran. Health concerns.
Prayers for Caregivers.
Prayers for our Country, Military.
Prayers for Israel, Palestine, & Ukraine.

To have someone added to the prayer list or to have information updated, please contact Matthew or Jonathan. Names will be removed after four weeks if no updates are received.



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Times We Meet:
Sunday:
Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Thursday:
Ladies' Class
Coffee & Donuts: 9:30 a.m.
Class: 10:00 a.m.



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Is Your Speech Seasoned with Salt?

By David L. Downour

One of the truly great Bible verses of wisdom is found in **Colossians 4:6** and it states the following: ***"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."***

This verse, along with numerous other scriptures in the word of God, clearly teaches that tongue control is so crucial to the health and well being of individual Christians and is also crucial for the peace, harmony, and well being of the local congregation. The poor use of the tongue has led to many splits and divisions among churches of Christ. I have to be completely forthright and honest and say that many members of the church don't seem to have a clue when it comes to wisdom in the use of the tongue.

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I’m not sure whether it’s a lack of knowledge, spiritual immaturity, just plain old stubbornness, or that they have never been truly converted to the way of truth and righteousness. Down through my many years of preaching, I have heard brethren say things that showed that they had a heart problem, an attitude problem, a tongue problem, and a lack of human decency and goodness. Some brethren are so weak spiritually that they could care less what they say. When members of the church refuse to repent of such an ungodly attitude, they need to realize that they could indeed be subject to church discipline and withdrawal of fellowship (2nd Thessalonians 3:6, 14-15).

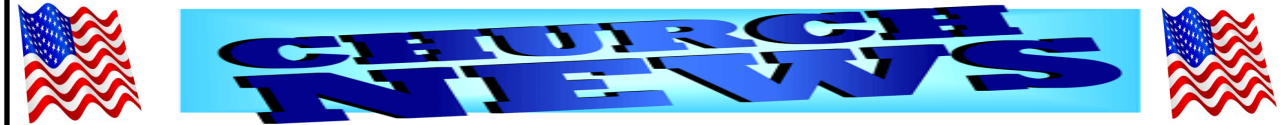
The Bible is filled with verses which teach us to be very careful and wise in our speech (and yet we all make dreadful mistakes in this area). Hear the word of the Lord! **“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers”** (Ephesians 4:29). **“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you”** (Ephesians 4:32). **“Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby”** (1st Peter 2:1-2). **“Let brotherly love continue”** (Hebrews 13:1). **“Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones”** (Proverbs 16:24).

Brethren, we all need to be wise with our words and we very much need to season our speech with salt !

Points to Ponder:

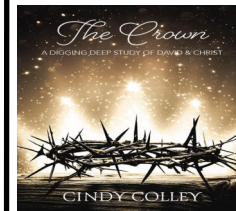
[from “A Collection of Humor, Wit, & Other Goodies” by Willard Conchin]

1. Perhaps one reason why so many people are “dog-tired” at night is that they have spent the day “growling.”
2. When the heart is full of love, the life will be full of service.
3. Don’t be a fair-weather Christian — Jesus will come in the clouds.



April Birthdays!

- 4TH JORDYN PATRICK
- 13TH LISA KENDRICK
- 24TH BARBARA OLIVER



Digging Deep Bible Study!

Our next Digging deep ladies’ class is this afternoon from 2-4 pm in our Fellowship Hall.



Thursday Ladies Bible Class!

Coffee & Donuts at 9:30 a.m. and class starts at 10:00 a.m.



Mid-Week Virtual Bible Study!

Is on a temporary hiatus. We plan to resume mid-April.

Blood Drive!



Mark you calendars for our next blood drive with the American Red Cross. Friday, May 31, 2024! Schedule your appointment at: redcrossblood.org



It’s Spring Race Weekend here in Henry County & Martinsville!

And, we like to welcome our race fans & all our guests to our gatherings today.



Quiet Meditations Before Worship

I walked into a church one Sunday—It was the hour of prayer.
With burdens held within my breast I looked for comfort there.

It wasn't time for service yet, and so the members sat
and laughed and talked, with greatest of ease, of some of this and that.

I seemed to feel God's presence, and yet I wondered why.

I thought: "The Lord would surely feel as out of place as I."

The room, the light, the pulpit, all spoke of wondrous peace;

But how could one commune with God, unless the talking ceased?

Then, as I sat, it almost seemed as if I saw the Lord come slowly through
the swinging doors—and pause without a word.

He looked around so sadly, with eyes yet filled with love;

His lips moved in a whisper, and his look was turned above.

And as I, too, arose to go, I breathed a silent prayer

for those who sat and, yet, never knew...

...that Jesus had been there.



Do You Serve the Lord?

A Servant of the Lord is one who will put the Lord's business above any other business.

A Servant of the Lord is one who attends the services of the church on a regular basis.

A Servant of the Lord is one who is willing to be a good example for others to follow.

A Servant of the Lord is one who thinks more of attending Bible class than staying home to sleep.

A Servant of the Lord is one who gives to the church according to what he makes rather than the amount he has left over.

A Servant of the Lord is one who wants to help rather than one who wants help.

A Servant of the Lord is one who attends services because he wants to, not merely because it is his duty.

A Servant of the Lord is one who has a willing mind to do the Lord's work.

A Servant of the Lord is one who can see his own faults and not just the other fellow's.

A Servant of the Lord is one who is more concerned with winning souls than with honors men may give.

—Author Unknown, [via: "Beacon"]

The Faithful Few

Author Unknown

In every church, in every clime,
When there's some work to do,
It's very likely to be done

By just the faithful few.

Many folks will help to sing,
And some are glad to talk,

But when it comes to doing things,
A lot of them will balk.

"I can't do this," "I can't do that,"
"Excuse me, please, this time,"
"I'd be glad to help you out,
But its not in my line."

So when the elders look about
For someone who'll help to do,
They nearly always have to go
And ask the faithful few.

They know full well they're busy,
And they're always hard at work.

But they're sure they'll not refuse,
Nor any duty shirk.

Someday the Lord will come again
With judgment wise and true,
And then with Him to heaven fair,

Finding Time for the Bible

Put a Bible under your pillow to read each night before you go to sleep.

Wake up ten minutes earlier each morning to read the Bible.

Turn off the TV at 8:00 p.m. each night and read the Bible to your children.

Read a few verses at mealtime when the family is together.

Talk less in order to have a few more minutes to read.

Keep a Bible in the kitchen to read while waiting for food to cook or for water to boil.

Keep a Bible near the phone to read while on hold.

Carry a Bible in your purse or pocket to read while waiting to see the doctor, or when arriving somewhere early.

Take a Bible on trips and read it on a plane or in a hotel.

Don't just own a Bible—read it!
"Blessed is he that readeth"—Revelation 1:3

God's Wonderful Creation

As spring begins to take shape, one should take the time to notice the beauty that surrounds us, and come to realize that it all came from God. This means that the only way we can know about the creation is from God who did the creating. Genesis 1:1 states: ***"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."*** Everything was created by the power of God. The first thing God did was to create light and in Genesis 1:4-5: ***"And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day."*** All six days of creation had both an evening and a morning, just like the days do today. These six days of creation were literal 24-hour days, not billions of years as some falsely claim.

God told Moses as it is recorded in Exodus 20:11 ***"For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them."*** God said that everything He created was created in these six days of creation. There was not a progressive creation spread out over billions of years.

In Genesis 1:24 we read ***"And God said, let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind; and it was so."*** God is so powerful that all He has to do is to speak and it happens. Each produces after its own kind. There is no evolution from one kind to another because God said that each was to produce "according to its kind."

The following is stated in Genesis 1:27 and 2:7: ***"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them...and man became a living soul."*** We are created in the image of God—this is what makes us so special. Everyone has a soul that will live on forever in eternity—either in Heaven or in Hell. Listen to the words of the psalmist: ***"Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast."*** (Psalm 33:8-9).