

We Strive to Be: A church devoted to making disciples of Jesus Christ, growing together in knowledge and relationship with God and each other.

Today's Events

Elders/Deacons Meeting 8:00 a.m.

Leave for Pettijohn 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

July 24-25 – Float Trip Aug. 28-29 – Youth Group Lock-In Sept. 30 – Bedlam Blood Drive

Record for 7-5-20

Morning Worship	150
Contribution	\$5,695.00
Budget	

Birthdays:

July:

12th Ally Meek
13th Dennis Hartman
Cheryl Siders
14th Brynna Brownell
17th Dan Kent
Varna Nolen

Anniversaries:

14th Chris & Wendy Taylor 13 Years!!

Prayer Time

Every Monday morning at 10:00 a.m., Erik has a special time dedicated to prayer. Anyone is welcome!

Order of Worship

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Sermon Scripture: Proverbs 18:1-8; James 3:6

Sermon Thought: The tongue is a small member of the body, but it's difficult to tame. It's hard to retrieve what we say and there can be long term damage caused by our words if they're spoken carelessly. We should guard what we're speaking. Put a stop to negative talk, and use words that are edifying.

Sermon Questions:

- 1. There are several different ways our words can be communicated in our time. Which ways do you see causing the most trouble and why?
- 2. Why do the prevalent issues right now cause such visceral reactions from people?
- 3. How can followers of God go about using our words to bring healing and building others up?

New Prayer Concerns:

- Randy & Denise Floyd need our love & encouragement as they recover from the loss of their son Seth
- Rustin Osburn diagnosed with colon cancer
- Sherry Reddrick friend of Jim & Geneva Osburn; diagnosed with cancer
- Gerri Buxton the Oldham's neighbor; recovering from a fall & a fracture in the C2 vertebrae
- <u>Betty Litzel</u> Dean Johnson's friend; is receiving treatments for breast cancer that has metastasized
- <u>Jim Osburn</u> having eye surgery July 20th

Next Week's (7/19/20) Servants:

Song Leader: Dee Plummer

Opening Prayer: Bill Spencer

Communion

Talk: Bill Oldham

Shepherd's

Prayer: Pat Meek

Sound Booth: Robb Mills

Slides: Chris Taylor

Nursery: Beverly Carroll

Jeanita Meek

Children's

Worship: Lisa Granberg

Words

Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me. Do you remember this old adage? It would often be heard on a schoolhouse playground as children were teasing each other, pretending not to be bothered by the insults that came their way.

But our pretending doesn't end with childhood; as adults, we try to convince ourselves that the sting of sharp words does not affect us. The truth is, we are deeply wounded by the verbal abuse we encounter on a daily basis. And we're not immune to being abusers ourselves. As we interact with others, we must choose daily whether we will use our words to bring hurt or healing.

James summed it up best by saying that we need to be slow to speak, quick to hear, and slow to get angry. As born-again believers, the nature of God should help govern our hearts and minds. It is up to us to choose words that are not offensive to God and our neighbors.

My challenge to you today is to begin to focus on what is going on in your heart. The Scriptures tell us that out of the abundance of the heart, our mouth speaks. Have you paid much attention to this connection? If you are housing bitterness, anger, or resentment, you are sure to spew out poison towards others that cross your path. Our words can either heal or destroy relationships. It is up to us to determine the outcome we desire.

By Mary Pinckney at thelife.com

Thank You

Thank you to the 18 wonderful donors who showed up to give blood on Wednesday night. We surpassed our goal!

The tongue is a small thing, but what enormous damage it can do.

-James 3:5 (TLB)