The Power of Words

The words we speak, along with the manner in which we say them, give insight into our spirituality and what kind of character we possess. Have you ever heard other Christians, who try to defend their harsh demeanor, or harmful speech by saying “I can’t help it, I have always been that way” as if to mean God created them that way and they cannot change? Followers of Christ ought to be the most mannerly, respectful, and kind individuals in the way they talk to one another and their fellow man.

The Bible has much to say about our tongue and the words we speak.

A Warning

And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell (James 3:6).

Have you ever hurt someone through the words you spoke? Have you ever been on the receiving end of harmful speech?

Listen More, Speak Less!

"Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger" (James 1:19). We need to practice listening!

Heal Not Hurt

Proverbs 16:24, The New Century Version reads "Pleasant words…” Our manner is as important as the words we speak! What is your general reaction to someone who is offensive in their manner of speaking? We are probably not going to take them seriously and avoiding their company will be high priority. “There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing” (Proverbs 12:18). “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person” (Colossians 4:6).

Careful Not Careless

“I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned” (Matthew 12:36-37). “So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty” (James 2:12).

Remember

Resolve to make sure that your words heal not harm! Remember “Be careful little tongue what you say?”

Steve
Care Groups

Care Group 1
The singles/couples without children are having a fellowship lunch after morning services March 11.

Care Group 3
March 18th after morning services, families with children K-5th grade are sharing a fellowship lunch. Sub sandwiches will be provided. There will be a sign up for chips, drinks and desserts in the foyer. There will also be an activity for the children.

Family News

Spring Fling
The Spring Fling Egg Extravaganza will be held for preschool and elementary school on Saturday, March 24, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Byrnes home, 3455 Caroland Dr., Fort Mill. Attendee and volunteer sign-up in the main lobby. See Eric Haskin, Mark Walker, David Moore or Karen Byrnes with questions.

Congregational Indoor Picnic
There will be a congregational picnic themed fellowship dinner Sunday, March 25th after morning services. We ask each family to prepare/purchase either enough fried chicken or corn dogs to feed your family plus one or two. Side items to prepare: potato/macaroni salad, coleslaw, deviled eggs, baked beans, green beans, and rolls. For dessert: cookies, cupcakes, and ice cream sandwiches. Drinks: sweet & un-sweet tea, and lemonade.

New Address
Breann Voss has moved. Her new address is 13108 Erwin Rd, Charlotte 28273.

Spring Softball
Men’s Church softball league (18 yr & older), Practice each Sunday in March (weather permitting) at the Steele Creek Presbyterian church ball field located at 7407 Steele Creek Rd (Hwy 160) Charlotte, NC 28217 3:00-4:30 pm. Sign up posted in the foyer. Contact Rodney Grant for details at rgrant16@carolina.rr.com.

Bridal Shower
Ladies are invited to a bridal shower in honor of Chelsea Harris (daughter of Deanna & Steve Miller) and Clay Batts on Sunday, March 18, 3:30-5:30 pm at the home of Karen Byrnes (3455 Caroland Dr., Fort Mill). They are registered at Macy’s and Target. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Byrnes, Alice Stewart or Mary Alice Trotter.

Pantry
MARCH: small bags of sugar, small bottles of oil, family sized tea bags, canned carrots & apple sauce. In an effort to provide additional savings opportunities we are asking for any unwanted coupons you may have to be placed in the box located in the foyer. These will be used as we strive to re-stock the food pantry and for other supply efforts of the congregation. Please contact Glenda Collins or Ginger Taylor with any questions.

Military Assistance Needed
We will be collecting some emergency items for some of the military men who have been affected by the recent attacks in Afghanistan. The items are listed on the bulletin board in the foyer along with a box for collections. Items will be mailed March 15th. If you have questions please see Gina Buchanan.

Missions

Philippines Trip Postponed
Chad and Amanda’s mission trip, scheduled to begin on Tuesday, has been postponed. Amanda has been having some back problems that need continued treatment before such a journey. The boys have also been ill. Keep the Garrett’s in your prayers as they recover and look forward to the trip being rescheduled. The medical items being donated will be shipped either now or later. Thank you for your participation.

Sermons and Classes

Sermon Series
“Inner-state 2012...Billboards on the Way”
March 4: Evil company corrupts good habits
(I Cor. 15:33)
March 11: Stand firm in the faith (I Cor. 16:13)

Youth Graduation
If you have a student graduating from high school, home school, or college this year please provide their name and intended plans to the office. Parents: Please begin collecting digital photos of your graduates. (Birth-Present). More details to follow.

High School Girls
Your contact information is needed as activities are being scheduled. The Mother/ Daughter retreat is the weekend of May 18th - 20th. Please sign on the bulletin board and contact Beth Rosener at srbritts@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.
PRAYERS

Updates:
- Lee McDermott will have surgery tomorrow morning at CMC-Uptown.
- Nita Seeley’s next surgery is March 13.
- Lloyd Spencer’s next surgery is March 15.
- Lynne Patterson was hospitalized for a couple of days, but is home now.
- JoeAnn Dohm is experiencing a lot of joint pain.
- Brian Ashley is making progress in his recovery.
- Paul Chesney requests our prayers as he strives to trust God more and to effectively lead his family.
- Aileen Wilson is experiencing some declining health and needs our prayers.
- Donna Brutto is continuing her treatments.
- Karen Willis’ father Harold Hamilton has suffered another fall and is not doing well.
- P.J. Inness’ parents were in an automobile accident this past week but generally are ok.
- Joe Carroll’s father will have some additional treatments soon.
- The memorial service for Sue Burkhammer’s stepfather was this past weekend.
- We extend our sympathy to Kelsie Hall’s close friend Annslee Windell on the death of her mother.
- We extend our sympathy to Alice Roberts on the death of her mother Esther Pannell. Her funeral was this past Friday in Tupelo. John and Alice have been worshipping with us for some time.
- Remember Gary and Kay Sanderson and family on the death of their son Clay this past week. Gary is one of the elders at the Mountain Island congregation.
- Remember the family of Joey Aguaro, who passed away this past week. He was a student where Kathy Gwynn teaches.

Shut-Ins: Gloria Girard, Ellie Hood, Patsy Kimbler, Charles Miller, Aileen Wilson, Virginia Wright. Remember our Military.

Hearing assistance available for Bible class or worship; please see Jake Hunter, Sandy Cherry or Barry VanHamme

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## Attendance and Contribution

**AM 365**  **PM 201**

**Contribution:**  $12,655.30

**Weekly Budget:**  $10,695.00

## Care Groups

1. **Singles / Couples without children**
   - Care Group Leader: Jacob Nunn
2. **Families with infants - Pre K**
   - Care Group Leader: Stephen Beels
3. **Families with children K - 5th grade**
   - Care Group Leader: Jonathan Jarrell
4. **Families with children 6th - 12th Grade**
   - Care Group Leader: Paul Chesney
5. **Empty Nesters**
   - Care Group Leader: Steve Loiselle
6. **Seniors**
   - Care Group Leader: Roy Jeffers

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- **1: IA**
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### Sunday Night

- **Singing:**  T. Washington
- **Opening Prayer:**  Chris Carroll
- **Closing Prayer:**  Sam Foster
- **Lord's Supper:**  Barry Murray
- **Nursery:**  Tracy VanHamme

### Wednesday

- **Singing:**  David Williams
- **Closing Prayer:**  Brian Moss

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### Administration

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### Today (3/4)

| Scripture: | Kristopher Gross |
| Preside Table: | Drew Malone |
| 1. Assist: | Steve Loiselle |
| 2. Assist: | Norman Smith |
| 3. Assist: | Kurt Newman |
| 4. Assist: | Bob Thomason |
| 5. Assist: | Tim Fuqua |
| 6. Assist: | Hampton Hager |
| 7. Assist: | Braxton Greene |
| 8. Assist: | Howell Hunter |
| 9. Assist: | Bob Epps |
| 10. Assist: | Paul Chesney |
| 11. Assist: | Marty Rosener |
| 12. Assist: | Stephen Chesney |
| Opening Prayer: | Gilbert Shelton |
| Closing Prayer: | Mark Inness |
| Usher: | John Wade |
| Singing: | Jake Hunter |
| Nursery: | Beth Zeiss |
| A/V: | Elise Beels |

### Next Week (3/11)

| Scripture: | Isaiah Miller |
| Preside Table: | Jeff Willis |
| 1. Assist: | Kurt Newman |
| 2. Assist: | John Wade |
| 3. Assist: | Tim Fuqua |
| 4. Assist: | G. Burkhammer |
| 5. Assist: | Ben Whittington |
| 6. Assist: | Jon Stewart |
| 7. Assist: | Steve Loiselle |
| 8. Assist: | Mike Goodnight |
| 9. Assist: | Rodney Grant |
| 10. Assist: | Jake Hunter |
| 11. Assist: | Robert Bennett |
| 12. Assist: | Grant Pittman |
| Opening Prayer: | Barry Murray |
| Closing Prayer: | Tim Bannister |
| Usher: | Jamie Ridenour |
| Singing: | Brian Greene |
| Nursery: | Cindy Carroll |
| A/V: | Gayle Creely |
| A/V: | Brian Moss |

### Sunday Night

- **Singing:**  T. Washington
- **Opening Prayer:**  Bob Raisbeck
- **Closing Prayer:**  Mike Collins
- **Lord's Supper:**  Chris Carroll
- **Nursery:**  Sue Burkhammer

### Wednesday

- **Singing:**  T. Washington
- **Closing Prayer:**  Chuck Dohm

### Communion Preparation

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