



TRUE LIGHT

TASTE YOUR TALK; TAME YOUR TONE

October 20, 2024

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Sunday School :
9:30 a.m.
Worship:
10:15 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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*"This is the day the Lord
has made. Let us rejoice
and be glad in it."*

Psalms 118:24

**We Welcome You
To All Of Our
Services**

Many years ago I developed a lesson to present at a Ladies' Day entitled "Ten Commandments for Christian Women." I used it multiple times at different places and it was almost always well received. Obviously, it was not all-inclusive because the Bible contains many commandments for both men and women. I simply selected ten that I thought would be most helpful to women in particular.

The title of this post contains two of those commandments given by God. Oh, He doesn't say them exactly like that, but He does teach the principle. I selected these two to write about in this post because of what I am hearing (or reading) from Christian women. Election season is not known for being a time when people taste their talk or tame their tone!

I also am NOT saying that we should sit quietly by and never express our opinions concerning those running for public offices whether it be local, state, or national in scope. As citizens of this country, we should be concerned with who our leaders will be. However, we need to realize that how we say what we say can damage our influence on others.

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Concerning talking to others vocally, we need to think about how our words taste as they exit our mouths. Would they be considered bitter, or sour, or foul tasting, or would they be sweet, mellow, or pleasant?

Colossians 4 is a great place to learn about tasting our talk. It begins with verse two, but for my emphasis, I want to zero in on verse 6: *let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person* (emphasis added).

James 3 has another interesting lesson about our tongues. It teaches us that the tongue can direct (vv 3.4); it can destroy (vv 5.6); and it can delight (vv 9a, 10a). The text continues with these words: *From out of the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.*

We really need to learn how to taste our talk, especially when we are discussing current events.

But what about *how* we say certain things? I'm talking about the tone in which we say things. Do we really realize that the tone we use when speaking can change the way it is taken? We've all heard examples of the same words being said in different tones of voice, and depending on the tone, an entirely different message is received.

I often think of Jesus when He was tempted by the devil following Jesus' lengthy fast. I imagine Satan using a condescending tone as he tempts our Lord, but I doubt that the answers Jesus gave were said with any tone but quiet "matter of factness" (if that's a word). He depended on the word of God when he said "it is written..." Even in Matthew's account (Matt 4:1-11), when Jesus told Satan to *Be gone*, I doubt that those words were spoken harshly. I can hear a calm answer clearly spoken. His tone would not cause a dispute.

Now when I think of the tone I sometimes use, I wonder what message I am sending. We need to learn to tame our tone.

But we need to consider one last line of communication which we deal with on a daily basis. Our words go out over the internet daily, and because the recipients can't hear *how* we are saying those words, or see our body language, we must be extremely careful about the words we use online. Derogatory pictures or memes, accompanied by our comments, can be very damaging to our example as Christians. We simply must taste our talk and tame our tone!

When you express your opinion face to face or online, be sure you check your words and your tone.

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver (Proverbs 25:11)

Donna Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

October 20 - Alyson Mickey
 October 23 - Johnny & Betty McGowan
 October 24 - Bronwen Young
 October 26 - Millie Dauck



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Vienna Sausages * Cheddar Cheese
 Soup * Canned Chicken * Brownie Mix
 * Brown Sugar * Shortening
 Pick up date: December 16



WILLING TO SERVE

October 20, 2024

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
 Opening Prayer.....David Carson
 Scripture.....Ron Garner
 Prayer.....Zack Tanner
 Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Derek Mays
 Prayer.....Wayne Reams
 Scripture.....Sam Garner
 Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
 Prayer.....Rodney Williams
 Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

October 27, 2024

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Derek Mays
 Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
 Scripture.....Steve Jones
 Prayer.....Sam Garner
 Closing Prayer.....Jess Lecroy

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
 Prayer.....Derek Mays
 Scripture.....Ron Garner
 Dismissal.....David Burleson

SIGNS OF LIFE

When my daughter received a pair of crabs as a gift, she filled a glass tank with sand so the creatures could climb and dig. She supplied water, protein, and vegetable scraps for their dining pleasure. They seemed happy, so it was shocking when they disappeared one day. We searched everywhere. Finally, we learned they were likely under the sand, and would be there for about two months as they shed their exoskeletons.

Two months passed, and then *another month* elapsed, and I had begun to worry that they'd died. The longer we waited, the more impatient I became. Then, finally, we saw signs of life, and the crabs emerged from the sand.

I wonder if Israel doubted that God's prophecy for them would be fulfilled when they lived as exiles in Babylon. Did they feel despair? Did they worry they'd be gone forever? Through Jeremiah, God had said, *I will come for you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to [Jerusalem] (Jeremiah 29:10)*. Sure enough, seventy years later, God caused the Persian king Cyrus to allow the Jews to return and rebuild their temple in Jerusalem (Ezra 1:1-4).

In seasons of waiting when it seems like nothing is happening, God hasn't forgotten us. As the Holy Spirit helps us to develop patience, we can know that He's the Hope-Giver, the Promise Keeper, and the one who controls the future.

Jennifer Benson Schuldt

Attendance for October 13: 115

Contribution for October 13: \$4535

*This bulletin was prepared in advance. Please listen to announcements for updates.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jack McGowan is scheduled for hip replacement surgery October 30. Additionally, he is waiting on biopsy results for a small spot has been found on his prostate * **Corey Gunn** (Stan's brother in law) suffered a mild heart attack last Sunday * **David Burleson** has started treatment to reduce his PSA levels * **Janie Burleson** still dealing with some health issues * **Cathy Provance** struggling with knee and hip pain * **Johnny Hester** is home from the hospital and doing a little better. He will have a camera scope to determine where the bleeding is coming from* **Brent Newton** is continuing to improve and was able to preach recently

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Trish Baldwin * Rick Beard * Cody Boyt * David Burleson * Janie Burleson * David Carson * Pat Cooper * Scott and Judy Flannery * Sue Flowers * Karen Forkum * Patsy (Hardy) Gregg * Darlene McGowan * Helen McGowan * Jeff McGowan * Donna McKuin * Gloria Moore * Ida Roberts * Waynetta Rodgers * David Terrill * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson * Woody Wood

Those dealing with cancer (non congregational) :

Melinda Akers * Chastity Beard * Cathy Bennett * Rodney Britt * Roxanne Carson * Sherry Chambers * Tammy Clark * Randy Cravens * Barbara Denson * Bill Fitzpatrick * Audrey Galloway * Emily Garner * Patricia Greninger * Stan Goodman * Renee Goodman * Nolan Hollowell * LeAnn Jacques * Tommy Jacques * Pam Jeralds * Holly Johnson * Kristin Meadows * Connie Lemmons * Ponna Mahan * Mike Napier * Betty Nicholson * Keagan Owens * Nikki Reif * Bobby Thornton * Mindy Tomah * Joe Vincent * Alan Woodward

Our Shut Ins

Pat Cooper * Sue Flowers * Ida Roberts * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson

Looking Ahead

Our Wednesday Evening Fellowship Meal will be breakfast for supper. Desserts will be needed.

Today- Oct. 23: 60th Anniversary & Homecoming at Central church of Christ with guest speaker David Powell. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

October 27-30: Our Gospel Meeting with Spencer Furby. The theme is "Be Authentic." There are flyers on the table in the foyer. Be praying for a successful meeting.

October 27: Potluck meal following morning worship service. We will also have a light meal following evening worship; there is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you can help provide snacks for the evening meal.

November 1-2: Men's retreat at Dexter church of Christ with guest speaker Joe Wells. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

November 3: First Sunday potluck and early evening service. Alex Bayes will be our guest speaker.

November 10: Wedding shower/potluck for Zachary Tanner and Bailee Williams following morning worship. They are registered at Amazon, Target and Walmart. If you would like to participate in a group gift, please see Millie by **today**.

November 13: Ladies Lunch Out rescheduled for Catch 22 in Dexter.

November 17-19: Gospel meeting at New Madrid with guest speaker Jim Faughn. Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.

November 24: Austin Ketchum will be our guest speaker.

December 8: Bridal shower for Cassie Summers and Justin Cummings at 2 p.m. They would most like gift cards or contributions to a honeymoon fund, as well as some items for their kitchen and laundry room. They are registered at Target and Wal Mart.