

Central Church of Christ

"A Community of Grace"

September 10, 2017

Not Just Your Words

Many of us were raised by being told, "If you don't have something nice to say, don't say anything at all." That is pretty good advice.

The Bible makes it abundantly clear that the Christian should be one who guards his or her words. Jesus stated, "Let what you say be simply 'yes' or 'no'; anything more than this comes from evil" (Matthew 5:37). His half-brother, James, wrote, "For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body ... [T]he 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 2:2, 6). Solomon stated, "Better is a poor person who walks in his integrity than one who is crooked in speech and is a fool" (Proverbs 19:1). Very few would dispute that a Christian should watch what he or she says.

However, there is another aspect of our speech that we can fail to tame, and that is how we speak. If what we are saying is true, but the manner in which we say it is harsh, cruel, unkind, or curt, we are sending a message that is not proper.

It is true that there is a time for being very blunt and straightforward. I can't help but think of the prophet Nathan simply stating to King David, "You are the man!" then giving the very strong punishment from god (cf. 2 Samuel 12:7-12). Christ was often blunt with the false teachers around Him.

However, if we are going to tell someone about love, mercy, grace, forgiveness, or heaven, shouldn't we do so with joy and kindness? If we are going to have a time where ideas are shared for ways to improve a program, a class, or another work of the congregation, should we not welcome ideas with kindness? If we are going to reach people with the truth of the Gospel, should we not try to show them love and mercy?

Watch not only what you say, but how you say it. Always say what needs to be said in the proper manner, and God will be glorified.

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. Colossians 4:6

By Adam Faughn, pulpit minister, Lebanon Road church of Christ in Nashville, TN.

Order of Worship

We Will Glorify 578.....**Jobee Thrasher, Song Leader**

Welcome and Opening Prayer.....John Atkison

Where He Leads I'll Follow 417

O Listen to the Wondrous Story 496

The Old Rugged Cross 313

Tis Midnight and On the Olive Brow 334

Lord's Supper and Offering.....As per schedule below

Beautiful 871

Children's Offering for West Kentucky Youth Camp cabins

SermonJohn Atkison

Trust and Obey 915

Announcements..... Song Leader

No Tears 882

Closing Prayer As per schedule below

Those Serving:

	Sept 10	Sept 17	Sept 24	Oct 1
Lead/ Bread	Tyler Goad	Jobee Thrasher	John Atkison	Greg Atkison
Fruit of Vine	Greg Atkison	Tyler Goad	Alan Wilson	John Atkison
Offering	Allen Smith	Jerry Henshaw	Francis Jenkins	Clint Thrasher
Closing Pray	Francis Jenkins	Alan Wilson	Jobee Thrasher	Jerry Henshaw
Door	Cathy Miller	Allen Smith	Jobee/ Cathy	Clint Thrasher
Greeters				

Birthday's and Anniversaries!

Gavin Goad

September 16th

Greg & Brenda Atkison September 15th



Upcoming Speakers:

Sept 17th Greg Atkison

Sept 24th Jobee Thrasher

Oct 1st Bill Goad

Oct 8th Jerry Henshaw

Prayer concerns

--- Shut-Ins ---

June Thrasher at Redbanks

Sue Hall (June Thrashers roommate)

Bobbi Doris Redbanks Rm #103

Clinton Jones, friend of Brenda's

--- Our Sick ---

Etta Jenkins

Lyndall Blue

Leslie Goad, Bill's dad

Delorma Atkison, Greg's mom

Pat Peyton, Allison Wilson's mom

Jim Robards, Lyndall's son-in-law

Geraldine Addison, Tammy's mom

Donna Givens, friend of some of our members

--- Others ---

Flood/ Hurricane victims



The food item to bring next Sunday for the schools backpack program is:

"Cheese/peanut butter crackers"

Please support and encourage all the men who have willingly stepped forward to preach in the interim as we search for a fulltime minister.

Donation for Flood Victims -- Today is the last day we'll be collecting money to send to Disaster Relief to help the flood victims in Texas and Louisiana. The church will match the first \$500 donated to this good cause.

It has been reported that 80% or more of the victims did not have flood insurance which is probably the same situation most of us would find ourselves in if the flood happened here. How welcome would any kind of help be??????

Scripture after scripture talks about helping those in need, clothing those who need clothes, giving water to those who thirst. **This is what Disaster Relief does.** We are blessed to have an organization like this within our brotherhood that we can support.

Please be generous and be supportive of Bill and the various initiatives he identifies and brings forward for us to participate in.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:

9:30 AM Sunday school

10:30 AM Worship Assembly

6:00 PM Bible Study

Wednesday:

6:30 PM Bible Study

Our statistics:

Sunday Worship	23
Sunday Night	n/a
Contribution	\$1,580.00
Wednesday Bible Study	9

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*The men's chairman for the next quarter (Aug-Sept) is G. Atkison. The secretary is J. Atkison. The next mtg. is **Sept 10 at 5:00 pm.***

Wednesday Night Class

9/13 – What does the bible teach about men & women's roles?

9/20 – Political correctness, new tolerance, and Christianity?

9/27 – Always Be Ready... (This review will be the final lesson)

Tonight – 5:00 Men's Meeting

Gulf Coast C of C minister posted this on Facebook Friday as Irma approaches Fort Myers:

In this time of Hurricane Irma anxiety, I thought it might be helpful to remind people of a practice I have written about in two of my books and have been teaching for more than 20 years. It is called the "Prayer of the Heart." It involves selecting a word, a phrase, or a Scripture, and repeating it several times each day, planting it deeply within yourself. I usually pray it in the morning 15-20 times repeatedly and then find it coming back to comfort and guide me through the day.

This morning, for instance, I used a paraphrase from Philippians 4:6-7, "Don't worry about anything. Let the peace of God guard my heart and mind in Christ Jesus." I repeated it multiple times, so that it is planted as a deposit from which God can work.

You can select a short word or phrase or Scripture that represents your heart's desire for that day, such as "Joy," "Peace," or "Trust."

Some of my favorite Prayer of the Heart scriptures to use are Proverbs 3:5-6, Philippians 4:4 and Psalm 51:10. Some of my favorite phrases to pray are, "Lord, help me to help somebody today" and "Trust in the Lord and don't lean on your own understanding." But in a time of fear and anxiety, some version of Philippians 4:6-7 is my favorite-"Lord, help me not to be anxious" or "Give me a peace that transcends all understanding," or today's prayer, "Don't worry about anything. Let the peace of God guard my heart and mind in Christ Jesus."

Try it...it's much better than worrying yourself to death.