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A GREAT COMMISSION CHURCH

THE WEIGHT OF YOUR WORDS (A REMINDER)

I have seen the power of words. Words are my calling. I always want to be careful to control what I say to others. I have learned that words have weight. We all have heard words that have changed the course of history like, "I have a dream", "one small step for man and one giant leap for mankind", "Mr. Gorbachov, tear down this wall", and most of all, "for God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." On the opposite end of the spectrum, we have heard words that negatively impact our lives. These words are daggers to the soul. They sear our spirit to the core. They mutilate our memory and stick to our hearts like glue. The person that said "words can never hurt me" was living in a fantasy land. The Scripture clearly states, "The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by Hell" (James 3:6). Did you notice the text says the tongue "set the whole course of his life"? I do not care who you are; what you say matters. It can matter for evil or good. That is a choice that we will be held accountable for by God.

Now, it is imperative to understand in our culture of texting and social media to understand the principle that words have weight. We must not go to a phone or computer to express our emotions; that can be dangerous to the sender and the recipient of any text or post. We must find someone we feel safe with and express our emotions in a healthy way. If not, we could be setting the course of our life (or someone else's) in a negative direction.

The Bible is clear on how we are to use our words. In Ephesians 4:29, it says, "do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but ONLY what is helpful for building others up..." Wow! We are to be construction workers with our words. We are to help build up others and contribute to their lives and not take away with words that are like wrecking balls. Many times, we react out of emotion, and we want to be vindicated or "tell them like it is." When we act this way, it is undisciplined and makes us look foolish and petty. We also leave a trail of broken and hurt people in our wake.

The bottom line is we must ask the Lord of love to give us His heart for people. He never demanded His rights (He was a servant), He gave up His rights, and He spoke words of life and not destruction. The fact is, when we hurl words like daggers, we never know where they will land. Will your words be **fatal** or **fruitful**? I, for one, will choose to take the role of construction worker and not wrecking ball with my words. Let us remember, words have weight. "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, Lord." Now, those are words to live by.

Just a Servant,
Pastor Mike

Flowers: *Thank you to those who decorate the altar table each month.*

Building Attendant: Lenn Gardner

Counting Committee

- 7.4 Jewell Brown, Amy Chappell
- 7.11 Tabitha Gardner, Jodi Thompson
- 7.18 Betsy Jordan, Patti Odom
- 7.25 Robert Etheridge, Derek Lee

Ushers

- 7.4 Jeremy Evans, John Horton
- 7.11 Jay Gardner, Chris Jordan
- 7.18 Robert Etheridge, Jack Hubbard
- 7.25 Tom Chappell, Stacey McInnis

PRAYER MINISTRY

CBC Members:

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| Johnny Baker | Esau Dennis |
| Jennie DuRant | Maybin Gardner |
| Ray Geddings | Nell Langston |
| Kathy Lee | David McCabe |
| Jessie McCabe | Shaun Richburg |
| Will Thomas | Barbara Walker |
| Jim "Bubba" Walker | David Young |

Happy Birthday

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| 1 Taylor Lee | 21 Donnie Briley |
| 2 Chase Lee | Mary Louise |
| 7 Ben Jordan | Jones |
| Mac McCabe | Daphne Powell |
| Morgan Morris | 22 William Locklair |
| 8 Steven Flowers | 24 Emma Jean |
| 10 Tabitha Gardner | Joyner |
| 11 Copeland Lee | Joey Williams |
| 13 Russ Harrelson | 25 Mary Kathryn |
| Margie Mutchler | Jordan |
| 15 Lauren Lee | 26 Claire Burke |
| 16 Les Odom | 30 Edward McCabe |
| 17 Paige Watford | 31 Edward McCabe |

If we have missed your birthday, please call the church office so that we can add your name to our birthday list.

Calendar of Events

- 4 Independence Day!
No Family Night
- 7 No Prayer Meeting
- 13 Deacons Meeting 7pm



FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARY



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Thank you to all who gave of their time and talents to CBC's children and youth who attended summer camps and VBS. There aren't enough words to let you know how much you are appreciated!

*"Nothing you do for children is ever wasted."
~ Garrison Keillor*

Upcoming Activities for Children & Youth

Children (Rising 5th Graders and younger):

July 18 Pool Party

Please reach out to Sean or Elizabeth Briley (803.225.2282) for more details!

Youth (Rising 6th -12th graders):

Tentatively scheduled outings...

July 11 Bowling and Pizza Lane

August 1 Pool Party @ The Briley's Home

August 15 Gathering @ The Lake

Please reach out to Dee Dee Horton (803.460.4302) or Kim Gardner (803.473.6585) for more details!



God Bless America

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior,..."

1 Timothy 2:1-3