



VOICE

BETTA VIEW

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April 15, 2018

Today:

“Growing Your Own Faith”

Tonight:

Lads to Leaders Banquet

(Hot dogs will be provided—members bring hot dog fixings, sides, desserts, drinks)

Tuesday:

GEMS Meeting—10am

Contact Elder for April—
Kevin Briley

Order of Worship

Call To Worship

Song #: Here I Am To Worship

Prayer - Kevin Briley

Song Leader: Rusty Stephens

Song #387: Tell Me The Story Of Jesus (1,3)

Communion & Offering

Song #2: We Praise Thee Oh God (1,2,5)

Song #589: Leaning On The Everlasting Arm (1,3)

Song #570: A Beautiful Life (1,4)

Children dismiss to Children's Bible Hour

Scripture Reading: Zachary Briley

Hebrews 11:6

Message: John Ross

Song #923: Just As I Am (1,4)

Announcements

Song #867: To Canaan's Land (1)

Prayer - Jim Denney

“Without Faith It Is Impossible To Please God, Because Anyone Who Comes To Him Must Believe That He Exists”

The Power of Words



The power of the human tongue is immense. Astonishing. *Frightening!* Scripture warns: “*Those who control their tongue will have a long life; opening your mouth can ruin everything*” (Proverbs 13:3 NLT). Again: “*It only takes a spark, remember, to set off a forest fire. A careless or wrongly placed word out of your mouth can do that*” (James 3:5-6 MSG).

Need proof? Not too long ago there was a Twitter hoax that sent the New York Stock Exchange into convulsions. A 140-character message with the heading, “**Breaking: Two Explosions in the White House and Barack Obama is injured**”, was posted when hackers from Syria somehow broke into The Associated Press’s Twitter feed.

That fake post caused the Dow Jones industrial average to drop by 150 points almost immediately and to erase \$136 million in market value.

The hoax was discovered in a matter of minutes, and the markets recovered quickly. While it is surely the case that automated trading systems caused some of the panic by reacting to certain keywords, one expert said, “There’s no doubt in my mind that humans were reacting to this and it wasn’t just robots.”

Yes, humans react to words. There is an adrenaline rush. Tempers flare and bodies tense. We respond to angry words with angry words. Partnerships, friendships, relationships, marriages – their stock crashes! Sometimes we never recover from the harm done in one awful instant.

Nobody avoids the temper-tongue trap! But some are more prone to step into it again and again than others. Bringing a measure of restraint to bear is difficult, and it will never happen without effort. Awareness, intention, self-control, prayer – all have a significant contribution to make to the process. Oh, and apologies!

The good news is that the tongue – or Facebook, Twitter, and other forms of social media – can do positive things as well; however, it happens because one chooses to think, intend, and pray for wholesome speech that builds up rather than tears down, encourages rather than discourages.

Be more self-aware of the way you use words. Form the clear and deliberate intention to be one whose words bless rather than hurt. God not only will help you avoid the temper-tongue trap but also will teach you how to use words that have a consistently positive effect on those around you.

Others before us have seen the power of words. One of them framed this prayer for all of us: “*May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to You, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer*” (Psalm 19:14).

Upcoming Events



- April 17:** GEMS Meeting 10am
- April 20:** Friday Night Singing at Antioch church of Christ in Snead. Details posted on board in foyer.
- April 22:** Bridal Shower for **Lydia Elkins (Jamie Burgess)** 2pm to 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. She is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Wal-Mart.
- April 24:** Ladies Devo—5:45pm in the Fellowship Hall. Brooke Leonard will have the devotional message. See bulletin insert for details.
- April 25:** Singing Night
- April 28:** 2nd Annual Men’s Day—Crestview church of Christ—Boaz (details on board in foyer)
- April 29:** Men’s General Business Meeting—8:30am
- April 29:** 5th Sunday Contribution to the Building Maintenance Fund
- April 29:** Elders / Deacons meeting after PM worship
- May 6:** Pot Luck Lunch—Group 3 in charge.
- May 13:** Mother’s Day—No PM Worship Service
- May 15:** GEMS Meeting—10am
- May 20:** Graduation Banquet—Andi needs a list of all high school and college graduates along with 10 pictures (emailed) as soon as possible.
- Thanks!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 4/15—Finn Tant
- 4/17—Lydia Elkins
- 4/20—Mary Colley, M/M Matt Smith
- 4/22—Jannie Smith

Remember in Prayer. . .



Sick. . .

Donna Waits has been moved to Arbor Springs Rehab in Opelika . She is able to walk with the aide of a walker. (1910 Pepperell Parkway, Opelika 36801)

Phil Waits is still in Brookwood hospital and is not doing well.

Charlie Cartwright (brother of **Dianne Ross**) is in ICU with severe pancreatitis. (20403 Toby Drive, Newbury, MO 65550)

Sick. . .

Joe Hollingsworth (cousin of **Russell Johnston**) has been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer in his neck. The tumor is connected to his carotid artery. He will be having surgery May 2nd.

Sympathy . .

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of **Jerry Haynes** (brother of **Ted Haynes**) who passed away Monday. Please remember Ted and family in your prayers during this time. (553 Mountainview Circle, Munford 36268)

We also express our deepest sympathy to the family of **Karen "Pinky" Lackey** (grandmother of **Landon & Abbie Watts**) who passed away this past Wednesday night. Please lift this family up in prayer during this difficult time. (408 Camp Circle, Munford 36268)

Teacher Appreciation

Teacher appreciation is the first week of May. We would like to do something special for our teachers at Coldwater Elementary. Now until April 29th we are asking members to bring in a small bottle of scented lotion (like you get at Bath & Body). We will wrap those up and distribute during appreciation week. See Shelly or Andi if you have questions. Thank you!

Those Privileged to Serve:

April 2018

Song Leaders:

15th – Rusty Stephens

22nd – David West 29th – Shaun Stancil

AM: Opening Prayer

15th: Kevin Briley

22nd: Joel Fetner

29th: Bobby Phillips

Closing Prayer

Jim Denney

Elton Carter

Calvin Phillips

PM: Opening Prayer

15th: Duane Stephens

22nd: Marty Livingston

29th: Mike Tims

Closing Prayer

Jeff Tims

Fred Denney

James Lindsey

Those to Serve at the Lord's Table:

Presiding: 15th – Marty Livingston

22nd – Duane Stephens 29th – Rusty Stephens

Assisting:

Alan Robison, James Galbreath, Calvin Phillips, Jamie Burgess, Harold Colley, Jerry Wilson, Patrick Houston, Ron Chambless

Ushers:

Harold Bean, David Austin, Spencer Austin, Kellen Foster

Little Lambs:

15th: Lindsey Webb & Shelby Stratton

22nd: Rachel Tant & Tiffany Strickland

29th: Linda Galbreath & Andi Johnston

Greeters:

West Entrance: Miriam James & Helen Lee

East Entrance: Jannie Smith & Debbie Stewart

Main Foyer: Wayne & Gail Carden,

Maggie Freeman, Carolyn Elston

Security Duty:

15th: Mike Tims & Kevin Briley

22nd: Landon Watts & Marcus Denney

29th: Russell Johnston & Jay Painter

Prepare Communion: Linda Galbreath

Secure Building: James Galbreath

Youth Activity Host: Need Volunteers!

Contact Elder: Kevin Briley

If you are unable to serve please contact **Brian Forbus @ 256-831-2471.**

Relay For Life

Please see Robin Houston if you would like to make a donation to Relay for Life.

Thanks!

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Elders:

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Elton Carter
Fred Denney
Brian Forbus
James Lindsey

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Growing Your Own Faith

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How do I get that kind of faith?

2ND Kings 5:1-17

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A. He had a problem. He had _____.

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A. Deut. 8:10-14, 17

2. He wanted God's blessings on his _____.

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Naaman wanted God to heal him... but he didn't want to have to _____ Him to get it done.

Consider these realities that *God's Word* calls us to believe:

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