

Wildwood Church of Christ

March 13, 2022

Welcome & Announcements

Song #778 Give Me The Bible
Song #773 Break Thou The Bread Of Life
Opening Prayer – Charles Wright
Song #322 By Christ Redeemed
The Lord's Supper – Bob Grove

Song #781 The Precious Book Divine
Sermon – Help Me Have Insight When I Speak
Song #853 Trust And Obey
Song #598 A Common Love
Closing Prayer – Keith Jones

2022 Theme Living What You Pray

Lord, Help Me Grow in Wisdom and Discernment

THE TONGUE

James, the brother of Jesus, writes about the tongue two millennia ago, in James 3 – “But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.” vs.8-10

Also talking about the tongue (speech), Jesus says that the two-ounce muscle in our mouth is a messenger of the heart that will deliver from the heart, good or evil; “A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.” Luke 6:45

When visiting my great-grandfather and great-grandmother in Shadyside, Ohio, one of the dishes my grandmother would fix was cow's tongue. I just could not bring myself to eat cow's tongue! As a young teenager, it was just gross! There had to be a better dish to eat than cow's tongue.

A philosopher long ago asked his servant to cook the best dish he could possibly fix. The servant, who was very wise, prepared a dish of tongue, saying, “It's the best of all dishes, for it reminds us that we may use the tongue to bless and express happiness, share beliefs, teach the truth, comfort and spread joy. Later, the servant was asked to cook the worst dish he could possibly fix. Again, the servant prepared a dish of tongue, saying, “It's the worst dish for it reminds us that we may use the tongue to speak flattery, slander, gossip, strife, anger, profanity, vulgarity, break hearts and set families and nations at war.”

Even though we don't have to eat cow's tongue to understand the servant's point, there are times we may have to “hold our tongue” to avoid saying things we would like to retract. Solomon wrote: “The tongue of the wise promotes health” Proverbs 12:18. The key word in this verse is wise, not tongue. We can choose to affirm and encourage others and not tear others down with our words. You can pray to God each morning – “Father, God, help me use my tongue today to build people up, have the wisdom to know when to speak my mind, and when to mind my speech.”

Prayer List

- ~ **Greg Pope** is doing a little better each day but he has his ups and downs in his recovery process.
- ~ **Pat Ponsford** and Darrel are getting adjusted to the feeding tube for Pat. She has started to gain some weight but is still very weak and has a long way to recovery.
- ~ **Lois Hutsepiller** found out recently that she has cancer in her tailbone. Over all Lois is doing better from her surgery but still has many days with weakness and now a lot of pain because of the cancer.
- ~ **John Yarborough** is scheduled for surgery tomorrow, March 14th to shave the bone in his big toe.
- ~ **Loius & Martha Rushmore** will be coming home from their mission trip tomorrow!
- ~ **Tara Strickland needs** our prayers to stay on track with her rehabilitation.
- ~ **Wade Kilpatrick**, Marlin Kilpatrick's son, had a fall in the hospital while waiting for his bypass surgery. The surgery went well and he is in room 3162 in the Leesburg hospital.

Remember: Linda Grove; Larry & Janet Hyder; Don & Joyce Albert; Irma Botorff; Reggie Colton; Jamie McCartney; Ila Jean Locke; John & Leigh Workman; Cherri Gould; Ron & Carol Rollins; Shirley Threet; Marlin Kilpatrick; Martha Pope; Ken Scott; Jeanette Harris; Barbara Barden; Rosa Lane and her family; Martha Rushmore & family; Taylor Williams & family; Sheila Bernstein & family; Edra Nell Courtney; Millie Tudor; Charlotte Martin; Joyce Freeman; Mollie Holley; Teresa Broyles; Clay Pelland; Mary Lee Fogle

Announcements

David sent the \$10,000 from our congregation to the church in Mobile last week to help the people in Ukraine. The Azalea City Church of Christ in Mobile, Alabama has been working with the Ukrainian brethren for over 30 years so they have a lot of good contacts to get the money where it needs to go. We have already collected an additional \$4,000 to make another donation this coming week. If you would like to add to this and give today above and beyond your regular weekly contribution, you can give cash or a check to Wildwood Church of Christ and write Ukraine on the bottom. (For cash, there are marked envelopes in the foyer.) Brother David will send this additional contribution to the church in Mobile this week. Please continue to pray for our brethren this in war-torn country.

Communion: We are sorry for the difficulty in opening the communion cups last week. There was a delay in getting what we usually order, but more is on the way. This week, we started the opening process of the cups for you so hopefully it will be easier for you to peel the seal back.

Teachers: We have had several sign up . . . thank you! If more are able to help, we will be able to rotate with your schedule. Please let us know. Thank you!

Lads to Leaders practice **today** for all participants and adults who are helping. Lunch will be provided.

Thank You: We would like to thank Barbara Howlett for her many, many hours of keeping up with our picture directory and with the picture board. Please make sure you update your directory as we put new pages on the table in the foyer and when we make updates in the bulletin, please update your directory as well. A lot of time and effort go into trying to keep these current. (The pocket directory is almost finished.) Thank you!

Directory corrections: Don & Joyce Albert anniversary—July **28**; Gracelyn Silcox-Johnston's granddaughter

Pantry

Canned Fruit Instant Mashed Potatoes

In the month of April, we will be delivering spring food boxes to families in need.

If you know of a family, please give the names to David, Sarah or Mike.

March Birthdays

Marlin Kilpatrick-1; Don Tudor-2; Judy Glenn-3; Travis Pickron-3; Olivia Dunn-8; Lynn Martin-8; Courtney Gage-8; Tanner Stokes-10
Tina Lipps-12; Carol Rollins-13; Britny Jones-16; Janice Hallmark-19; Janet Hyder-19; Ernie Wise-20; Cody Hileman-20; Marilyn French-21; Shirley Threet-23; Don Young-24; Lori Cook-25; Wayne Freeman-28

March Anniversaries

Jeremy & Sondra Stokes-11; Joel & Joyce Prather-21; John & Leigh Workman-22

Greeters

March 13 - Sarah Myers, MaryJane Wright **March 20** – Jim & Linda Routzahn **March 27** – Martha Rushmore & Reida Glenn

Nursery Class: **March 13**-Kelley Whited **March 20**-Lana Vernon **March 27** Destiny Green

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