

Wildwood Church of Christ

March 20, 2022

Welcome & Announcements

Song #641 The Church's One Foundation

Song #649 In The Hour Of Trial

Opening Prayer – Bob Grove

Song #358 When My Love To Christ

Grows Weak

The Lord's Supper – Louis Rushmore

Song #491 Redeemed

Sermon – Help Me Have Insight When I Speak

Song #866 Is Thy Heart Right With God

Song #611 There Shall Be Showers Of

Blessing

Closing Prayer – Jimmy Glenn

2022 Theme Living What You Pray

THE TONGUE – HARD TO CONTROL

I read a story about a man named George Brown and his next-door neighbor that should make us reflect on how we use our tongue:

George Brown was outside and had just finished mowing his yard. There was hardly a weed in sight and the flowers were beautiful . . . his yard was stunning. George saw his next-door neighbor pushing a wheelbarrow loaded with trash . . . rotting garbage . . . tin cans . . . table scraps . . . waste paper . . . just everyday garbage. He was pushing the wheelbarrow over into George's own beautiful yard! "Good morning, George" the neighbor said, "I've brought you a load of trash . . . where do you want it dumped?" "You're not going to dump that stuff in my yard!" George hollered. His neighbor replied, "George, I really do think this stuff should be taken to the dump, but since you dump your trash where you please, I thought I should have the same privilege." "I have never done any such thing!" George retorted. "Yes, you have, George. I overheard you dump a dirty story only yesterday. You dumped it on several good young men and two young boys that are in my Bible class. Down at our church, we work hard to keep our lives as clean and neat as your yard, but you care more for your yard than you do for the souls of these young people. You violated them with your garbage . . . your lies . . . your offensive language. It will be difficult to remove the evil thoughts prompted by your dumping on those young men."

God is very concerned with what comes from our lips. Two of the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20 have to do with sins of the tongue; "You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain" (vs.7) and "You shall not bear false witness" (vs.16). Solomon is also very concerned with how we use the tongue. He reminds us of seven things that God hates, three of which have to do with the tongue; "A lying tongue, a false witness, and a man who sows discord among the brethren" Proverbs 6:17, 19. James says "we ought to be slow to speak" (1:19) and then he tells us why in chapter 3: (1) Because the tongue can guide, direct the whole man; (2) Because the tongue can light a fire that cannot be put out; (3) Because the tongue is not easily controlled. He says the tongue cannot be tamed . . . controlled, yes . . . but never tamed! Now we know why James in chapter 1 says, "Be slow to speak."

Here is the bottom line: Our words . . . our speech, reveal the level of our Christian maturity, the depth of our spirituality and the condition of our heart.

Prayer List

~ Please keep **Dawn Binkley** and her family in your prayers in the loss of Don LeFavour, a family member. He had been in the hospital with several serious health issues and he passed away yesterday late afternoon.

~ **Joyce Albert** had a pacemaker put in this past Friday. She came through the surgery well and was released from the hospital yesterday.

~ **Ila Jean Locke** is doing much better and has been released from her doctor's care. We are so thankful!

~ **Greg Pope** is doing a little better each day but he has his ups and downs in his long recovery process.

~ **Lois Hutsepiller** has been in a lot of pain from her cancer.

~ **John Yarborough** had the surgery on his toe and is doing well.

~ Glad to have **Louis & Martha Rushmore** home from their mission trip to Guyana!

~ **Tara Strickland needs** our prayers to stay on track with her rehabilitation.

~ Our hearts are saddened that **Bud & Hattie Byers** are leaving this coming Wednesday to go back to Ohio. They have sold their house here, and will not be able to make the trip anymore to live part time with us. We wish them God's blessings and we have already let them know we have a place for them to stay if they can at least come back for a visit! **We love you Bud & Hattie and we will miss you!!**

~ **Ron & Janie Beadnell**, will also be leaving and going back to Ohio. We will miss them and we look forward to when they will come back in the fall.

~ **Remember those in Ukraine:** *Heavenly Father, Your word says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." We know that You are a God of peace, and that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. So, we pray for the people of Ukraine who find themselves in the midst of a fearful conflict. Draw near to them, O Lord, and protect them. We pray for the people and nation of Ukraine. Protect the innocent, the families and children. Give courage to those who fight to defend their faith, their freedom, and their homeland. We pray for ministers, missionaries, and Christian workers throughout Ukraine. Grant them wisdom as they minister hope in Your name. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.*

Remember: Linda Grove; Pat Ponsford; Larry & Janet Hyder; 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

All Lads to Leaders on the puppet team and adults, please meet in the fellowship hall with Sarah Myers right after worship service this morning. She needs to give you some information. It will be just a few minutes.

Mike and Meagan and some of our youth group went to the SOAR Youth Rally (Seeking Our Awesome Redeemer) in Augusta, Georgia and will be back later today.

Ladies' Days: There are 2 announcements on the bulletin board in the foyer for Ladies' Days – one in Mt. Dora and the other in Kissimmee.

Greeters: If you can say "Good morning, Glad to see you" and hand someone a bulletin . . . then you can be a greeter! That's all it takes – please sign up or let David or Sarah Myers know if you would like to help out.

Pantry - Canned Fruit Instant Mashed Potatoes

April 12, be here at the building at 9:00 if you would like to help with food boxes. We are taking donations if you would like to help purchase the hams for the boxes. You can give your money to David, Sarah or Mike or put a check in the collection box, earmarked "Pantry". Remember to give us names of families that might need a box.

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 20 – Jim & Linda Routzahn **March 27** – Martha Rushmore & Reida Glenn **April 3** - Cheryl Botts & Barbara Howlett

Nursery Class: **March 20-** Lana Vernon **March 27-** Destiny Green **April 3-** Sarah Myers

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