

NEWSLINE

Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ

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Sticks And Stones

Throughout childhood we were told that “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never harm me!” I don’t know about you, but I haven’t found that to be true. A newer versions speaks more accurately,

“Sticks and stones are hard on bones, aimed with angry art; Words can sting like anything, and silence breaks the heart!”

We have all been receivers of hurtful words from others. Their words reflect the condition of their heart. Our reaction shows the condition of our hearts. We can’t control what others say, but we can control how those words affect us.

Words are powerful and the Bible is filled with warnings about how we can sin through the things we say to others. King Solomon warned, “Let not your mouth lead you into sin” (Ecclesiastes 5:6). Jesus warned, “...on the day of judgment men will give account for every careless word they utter” (Matthew 12:36).

Our words show the spiritual condition of our hearts. For example: Cursing comes from a profane heart; dirty jokes and stories

reveal an impure and filthy heart; murmuring and complaining originates in a thankless heart; and criticism exposes a heart full of discontentment and jealousy.

Words can lift or they can destroy. Many children are crushed and their spirits discouraged through the constant criticisms and yelling of angry, unhappy parents. The apostle Paul warns, “Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged” (Colossians 3:20).

On the other hand, words are powerful enough to lift hearts and encourage others to become all that God wants us to be. The book of Proverbs contains much wisdom:

“The tongue of the righteous is choice silver” (Proverbs 10:21).

“Pleasant words are like honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body” (Proverbs 16:24).

“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pitchers of silver” (Proverbs 25:11).

The words of a Christian should always reflect the heart of Jesus. They should show others that we have been with Jesus and he has changed our lives.

Other News

-**Danny’s** eye surgery to correct a macular pucker in his right eye appears to be successful. They are awaiting a follow-up visit with his doctor in Atlanta. They expect to remain in GA until after March 16. Please keep Danny and Polly in your prayers.

-**Family Buckets for Ukraine:** Bring Sunday. They are to be shipped to refugee camps in Poland and surrounding countries.

-**Faulkner University Chorus:** It was so good to have the FUC chorus with us Friday night. Thanks to all our members who helped feed and house the young people. Thanks to Jacob for arranging their visit.

-**Church Directory:** If you don’t know how to access the church directory please view directions in the email sent to your inbox. If you have trouble please see Mark Haynes or Tracey Kihlberg.

Sermon Topics: A.M.— “Til You Can’t” (Jacob Forman)
P.M.— “God Is Our Deliverer” (Al)

Helping Ukraine

We have all been concerned about the brutal attack on the people of Ukraine. We are especially concerned about the many Christians who are caught in this unjust assault on an innocent people.

There are around 40 congregations of the church of Christ in Ukraine. Many have asked about helping provide relief to them.

You should have received a letter outlining ways to help through either the Winfield church of Christ or Hardin Valley church in West Knoxville. HV is collecting Family Buckets filled with items on the list (in foyer) Please bring your buckets to the church building on Sunday and they will be delivered on Monday.

Checks can be made to Hardin Valley Church of Christ, earmarked “Ukraine Missions”, or to Winfield Church of Christ (in Winfield, AL) and earmarked “Ukraine Missions”. You may give your donation tomorrow and it will be delivered to these congregations.

Sunday Adult Class

A Study in Acts

Al Behel

Teen Class

Jacob Forman

Wednesday Night Class

Danny Cline—Colossians

Monday Night Ladies Study

Topic: “O To Be Like Thee”

Mondays, 6:45 pm

Teacher: Polly Cline

Times of Services

Sunday A.M.
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Sunday P.M. 6:00 PM
Wednesday 7:00 PM

Food Contact For Month:

Polly Cline

Elder Contact for Month: Jim Anderson 865-924-1067

Online worship: available on church website or FB page

Our Known Sick

June McGowen, is in Pigeon Forge Nursing Home. .

-**Linda Valentine**— battling cancer.

-**Anna Ruth Franklin**— Prayers for several health issues.

FRIENDS & FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS

-Keep **Tracey's dad and mom, Ron and Judy Pitts,** in your prayers.

Their address is: 313 Monticello Rd., Franklin, TN 37064

-**Treavor Hayes,** 7 year old grandson of Marc and Sue is receiving treatment through a port which has been installed to make his treatment easier. erHe has a tumor on optic nerve. Please keep hm in prayer.

-**George Tolliver’s sister, Mosie Simpson,** is battling COPD. She is staying with her son. Prayers still needed.

-Shannon Wade requests prayers for **Harley Tucker,** who is a 24 year old friend of their family, She is battling breast cancer. She lives in MS.

-**Tricia Hayes’** mother, Debbie Odham, has been diagnosed with leukemia with only months to live. Her father is also struggling with COPD and is in critical condition. Please keep Tricia and her family in prayer.

-**Larry Sanderson,** Al’s brother-in-law, lost a significant amount of his eyesight. We are happy to report that some of his sight is returning in one eye. Please keep Larry and Helen in your prayers.

Fellowship Dinner & Meetings: will resume next Sunday, March 13. Men & ladies meetings will be immediately after the dinner.

Men: fellowship and sharing session each Tuesday night at 7 pm.

Building Loan Balance

\$632,871.05

Additional contributions to building fund are appreciated

Archived sermons are available on the church website or at albehel.com