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Words Hurt

Someone said, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." I rate that one with "parting is such sweet sorrow." I have never totally understood the truthfulness, nor the reality, of either of them.

Words do hurt. Sometimes they are intended to hurt. And, sometimes we need the hurt of words to get us on the right track about something. We are not always correct in what we do or say and it takes words to move us in the direction we need to go.

But there is a lesson here for both the speaker and the hearer. The speaker must know that words can hurt. The hearer must know that thoughts are conveyed by words and sometimes they need to hurt.

One of the persons I appreciated most in my past had one of the most untactful ways with her words. But, everybody seemed to know what to expect. I can't help but wish that she could have done something about that, too. If she had, she would have done much more good.

From the negative aspect of "words will never hurt me," Donna Smith, assistant editor of iParenting.com recently wrote, "(The writer) was never bullied -- or has a very short memory." Smith was speaking of how children are sometimes hurt by hateful words. What she says fits my thought, exactly -- and we'll just drop the "parting is such sweet sorrow."

One can toughen up to the point that words don't hurt. But it takes a pretty tough person to hear condemning words about themselves, or words untactfully said, and not at least twitch, flinch or say, "Ouch!" I am not sure Christians should want to be that tough, though.

It is a part of our human nature to want to hear people say good about us and not bad. "Praise in public, rebuff in private," teachers of leaders

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Please pray for...

For our nation as we are going through troubled times

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For Todd Fulkerson (Special Forces in Afghanistan--known to Gabe Coriell)

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

Kayla McGraw being tested and monitored for possible heart problems.

Ginny Thompson had a follow-up appointment with the surgeon who did her back surgery on Wednesday this past week. Staples were removed. Things are progressing well.

Scott Gampp continues to have problems with a kidney stone. Thankfully, he is home now and will receive further treatment.

Marzelle Gardner (Julie Miller's 86 yr old grandmother in West Point, Mississippi) was hospitalized this week with nausea, dehydration, etc. She was able to come home on Saturday.

Glenna Box (friend of Serena Miller) is in KDMC with pneumonia and congestive heart problems.



Coming Events

2/23 - Innermission Skating Party

3/8 - Girl Scout Sunday

VERSE OF THE MONTH

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies

Psalm 34:13

Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

2/22 Preaching Service
3/01 Philippians 1
3/08 Philippians 2
3/15 Philippians 3
3/22 Preaching Service
3/29 Philippians 4

Wednesday

2/25 Numbers 9-12
3/04 Numbers 13-14
3/11 Numbers 15-17
3/18 Numbers 20-21
3/25 Numbers 22-24

Spirit Club Meeting

This evening at 6 pm.

Skating Party

Monday evening (tomorrow) Sunshine/Innermission will be sponsoring a skating party at the Skatelan Skating Rink in Wheelersburg. Skating is from 6-9:30 pm.

Haiti Mission Team Update

Most of our Haiti Mission Team members made it back home late last night. Jason Coriell and Brandi Gampp were bumped from their flight in Miami and spent the night in Atlanta. They should arrive in Columbus this morning. The consensus of the team this year is that things went much better overall for the week. We'll let them explain what that means when they give their report. Anyway, we welcome the Haiti Mission Team members home and look forward to hearing and seeing the report of the trip.

Haiti Mission Team Families Say Thanks

On Wednesday evening before Bible study, our Haiti Mission Team family members were served a meal in the annex by some of our Sunshine people. The Haiti Mission Team Families say Thank You. They have signed a card and it is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Homeless Shelter Needs

Rich and June Book have been in touch with the Homeless Shelter in Portsmouth and there are some items that the shelter needs right away: Breakfast Foods such as eggs, breads, sausage, bacon, etc. Butter, Fruits, Vegetables (already have plenty of canned goods) Men's Socks Check with Rich or June about how to supply these needed items to the Shelter.

No Debt-No Sweat Make-Up DVD's

The No Debt-No Sweat class will not be meeting tonight. We resume next Sunday evening. If you are in the class and have missed any of the first three sessions, we have copies of the DVD that can be loaned to you for the week. See Steve Miller.

PM Preaching Service Tonight

As usual tonight we will be having all classes from junior high through adult in the auditorium for a preaching service. All other classes will be meeting as usual. **Gabe Coriell** will be our speaker. We are looking forward to hearing what Brother Gabe has to say.

Winterfest Update

Over 110 young adults, teens and chaperones departed from our parking lot Friday morning about 6 am to Gatlinburg to attend Winterfest. Many of these 110 are from our own congregation (so expect the crowd to be down just a little this morning). The balance of the 110+ group come from neighboring congregations, Innermission and even some of our friends from Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp. Sunshine provides two chartered buses to Winterfest every year. All other expenses are born by participants. The theme this year was/is "Love God...Love others" based on the Great Commandment found in Matthew 22. **The Winterfest group should be back in our parking lot about 6 pm this evening, just in time for evening services.**

Baptized Into Christ

Wednesday evening (2/18) just before our Bible study, one of our Innermission students, **Rocky Rose**, was baptized into Christ by Ed McDonie, one of our members and a student at Shawnee. We do not have address and phone number as yet for Rocky but will try to have this information by next bulletin. We rejoice with Rocky and the angels in heaven today as Rocky has come home to the Father.

Teachers, Look!

Teachers, the new teaching materials for the quarter which starts March 1 are now available. Pick them up from the counter by the windows in

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say. The reason for the public-private thing is that words of criticism said in public do tend to hurt more than when hearing it in privacy. At least the criticized don't have to be humiliated by others who hear.

Jesus said, "Let your 'yes' be 'yes' and your 'no,' 'no,'" but I think that was talking of a perceived necessity to provide some guarantee, through swearing, that what was said was true. He also said that judgment would come for every careless word uttered, "For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matt. 12:37).

In another place Jesus said it was not the food that a person eats that makes him or her unclean, but the things that come out of the mouth, because that is what comes from the heart (Matt. 15:17-20).

To Christians, the apostle Paul spoke of the importance of speaking intelligible words in instructing others.

James speaks of the hate that can come from the tongue in speaking words and the importance of using the tongue in teaching appropriately. He compared the tongue and its capacity to form words to a large ship's small rudder or to a small spark that sets afire a great forest.

"All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison," James said.

Because of what I hear these days, I have to agree with James. But that should not keep us from continuing to offer advice on the danger of words. And, yes, words can and do hurt. We need to know that.

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Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
 Song Director
 Scripture Reading
 Prayer
 L Server 6
 O Server 5
 R Server 4
 D Wine
 S Bread
 S Server 3
 U Server 2
 P Server 1
 E Message
 R Closing Prayer

February 22

Wayne Gampp
 Nick Davis
 Eric McLaughlin
 Troy Gahm
 Mark Gampp
 Barry Hayward
 Spike Ferrell
 Greg Coriell
 Josh Coriell
 Barry Gampp
 Ryan Coriell
 Bill Gammon
 Steve Miller
 John Berry

March 1

Tom Kelley
 Ralph Gampp
 Steve Williams
 Aaron Kallner
 Mark Risner
 Jack Jennings
 Mike Gampp
 Dewey Cordle
 Jason Coriell
 Tim Coriell
 Mark Gampp
 Jacob Miller
 Steve Miller
 Jamie Riley

Sunday Evening

Song Director
 Scripture Reading
 Lord's Supper
 Assist
 Prayer
 Bible Class

Matt Hoskins
 Rich Book
 Caleb Miller
 Shawn Gragg
 Jason Coriell
 Preaching Service

Zach Coriell
 Spike Ferrell
 Ira Coriell
 Eric Copas
 Derek Miller
 Philippians 1

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
 Prayer
 Bible Class Text

Aaron McCray
 Jeff Hayward
 Numbers 9-12

Gabe Coriell
 Rich Book
 Numbers 13-14

Children's Bible Time Schedule

February: *Loving Jesus Who Loves Us*

3/5: Kim McCray, Aaron McCray, Derria Kelley

6/8: Pam Coriell, Meghan Miller, Kristin Riley

March: *Parables of Jesus*

3/5: Jessie Coriell, Zach Coriell, Renee Higbee

6/8: Christy Veach, Laryssa Grashel, Cindy Coriell

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
 Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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The strange phrases below are anagrams of some familiar hymns we often sing. Unscramble the letters to reveal the song titles. Solution to the puzzle is at the bottom of page 3.

MY GEARSHIFT ROTS = _____

BOYS SING UNTO ULCERS = _____

A SOLVED RIME = _____

DAZED AS A MINT = _____

A SUMO STEP LADDER = _____