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Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Prayer God Is Faithful Newer Requests

- Tom Anderson—bereavement, brother
- Beverly Beardain—health; Chad Beardain
- Floyd Howard—health
- Charles Harris's granddaughter, Emily Rives—
lumpectomy
- Claud & Verda Holland—health
- Brady Hurd—nephew of Julia Huntley, stage 4 cancer
- Margaret Keillor, wife of pastor's friend—terminal
cancer diagnosed.
- Shirley McEver's grandniece, River—medical issues
- Ron Meek's friend—health
- Sawyer Vincent—Danny and Tina's grandson
- Rachel Whatley—travel, well-being

Ongoing Prayer Needs

- Brother-in-law of Connie Adams, Donald—heart
- Larry Bradley—continued recuperation
- Allen Cloud—health
- Wanda Hixon's sister, health—assisted living
- Quinn Bradley—grandson of Larry and Lana Bradley
- Bette Fehrle—health
- Walter Goddard—strength
- Gary & Judy Goree—health
- Mark Handley's son & his brother, Tracy
- Mitzi and Roger Hembree—health
- Danny Imhoff—health
- David Smith—friend of Mark Handley, kidney issues
- Amy Valentine—breast cancer
- Becca Rocco's sister-in-law, Kathy Ketter

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM

Military

- Pastor's nephew; Heather McEver; Floyd Howard's
grandson

Our Homebound

- Sam Castleberry
- Lloyd and Joan Dickerson (Burlison, TX)
- Billye Murrell (assisted living, Texas)
- Donna Shick, Carol Kimberlin's mother
(Grace Living Center, Bethany)
- Justine Hoel (Bellevue, Room 446A)

Our College Students

- Madi Montgomery—Wichita State University
- Donavon Pietzsch—North Texas State University
- Makenna Vess—Oklahoma Baptist University

For addresses and phone numbers call the office.

"The effectual fervent prayer of a
righteous man availeth much" (James 5:13)



Verda Holland Offering -Clothe a Child-

"Providing new clothes for children in
the care of our **Oklahoma Baptist
Homes for Children** as they head back
to school next month.

July 14th – 31st

Whether using a check or cash in an offering envelope,
please be sure it's marked for "Verda Holland Offering."

**Help clothe kids in the Oklahoma Baptist
Children's Homes and Boys Ranch as
they shop for the new school year and
return to school.**

We have received \$2,178 so far!

Special Thanks—

Special thanks to all who worked so hard to make the 2024 VBS, Jungle Journey, the success it was. Lots of you worked very hard behind the scenes, including Carol Handley and Shirley McEver, seen below working on snacks each night in the kitchen. I specially want to thank our first-time VBS Director, Mieka Pietzsch. It's humbling to see a young woman I led as a small child in VBS leading now. Thank you all!

Stewardship for Morning	7/21/2024
Budget Receipts:	\$766.00
Weekly Budget Required:	\$3,773.56
Over/Under:	\$3,007.56
Verda Holland Offering:	\$278.00
VBS Offering (to VH Offering):	\$150.00
T.A.B.:	\$20.00



Karstin & Colton

Join us for a bridal shower in honor
of Karstin Tipps, August 24th, at
11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at
Kelham Baptist Church

Registered on Amazon
[https://www.amazon.com/wedding/
registry/INZH5834ON3Q3](https://www.amazon.com/wedding/registry/INZH5834ON3Q3)



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Me and My Big Mouth

Words are powerful things. As one who has worked with words my whole life, I know words can hurt and words can heal. Sadly, I know I have done both. In Matthew 12:35, Jesus pointed out that “a good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth good things: and evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.” In the Book of Proverbs Solomon expressed the same truth a bit differently, but the import is the same: “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life” (4:23). Jeremiah warned, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked” (Jer. 17:9).

When we work with inherently dangerous things, for example, high-voltage electric wires, we exercise great caution. I once had an old deacon tell me that if you kept one hand in your pocket when working on electric lines, the charge could not pass through your heart, killing you. Personally, I prefer to have dead power lines. The heart and the words that issue from the heart are by nature dangerous. James reminded us, “The tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison” (James 3:8). Gill observed, “God, by his Spirit, power, and grace, can, and often does, change the note of the curser, swearer, liar, and blasphemer; but no man can do this, though he can tame beasts, birds, serpents, and fishes; which shows the tongue to be worse than anything to be found in the whole compass of nature” (*Exposition of the Bible*).

In Psalm 39:1, King David wrote, “I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle.” Del Parkerson remarked, “He knew that the muscle in your mouth often needed to be put in jail.” Even secular sources echo the same truth. Roman philosopher Publius Syrus once remarked, “I often regret that I have spoken; never that I have been silent” (<https://www.britannica.com/quotes/Publilius-Syrus>). Ben Franklin had thirteen virtues he tried to practice, one was “silence”: “Speak not but what may benefit others or yourself; avoid trifling conversation” (<http://www.benjamin-franklin-history.org/personal-virtues/>). Pythagoras of Samos, best known for the Pythagorean theorem for calculating the length of the sides of a right triangle, said, “Be silent or let thy words be worth more than silence.” Those who sought to be his students had to fulfill a five-year rule of silence (<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/pythagoras/>). *Funny Epitaphs*, collected by Arthur Wentworth Eaton and published in 1885, records this strange epitaph: “Beneath this stone a lump of clay, Lies Arabella Young, Who on the 24th of May, Began to hold her tongue” (<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/42634/42634-h/42634-h.htm>).

Think of all the phrases we have in the English language about the tongue: biting your tongue, slip of the tongue, holding your tongue, wagging your tongue, cat got your tongue, tip of the tongue, keeping a civil tongue, tongue in cheek, watch your tongue, tongue-lashing, loose tongue, silver tongue, tongue-tied, forked tongue, and sharp tongue. We have all those phrases for a reason: we know words can be

powerful and sometimes deadly. Before the internet and all the possible new avenues of communication provided, the relatively small number of hearers one individual could have limited the reach of our speech. The American Revolution permeated the Thirteen Colonies as a result of committees of correspondence, which communicated by letter. Newspapers, published by anyone who had access to a printing press, also spread news. Now anyone with a computer (or phone or tablet) and internet connection can use any of the multiple channels available to say almost anything. As a result, things we might say to just close friends and acquaintances are, instead, broadcast to the world with little thought of the implications or ramifications. Friends may know I’m a little off (maybe a lot), and they cover that up with love, but the world at large doesn’t know that and doesn’t do that.

The National Examiner, a tabloid newspaper sold in grocery store checkout lines once picked up a story from one of its stringers, Frank Kendal. In February of 1985, a stretch of street in Fort Worth, Texas, swelled, cracked, and then returned to normal. Fire Department spokesman Charlie McCafferty, joked it was the work of a giant earthworm. Cliff Linedecker, news editor for the *Examiner*, said, “It was a very good story and I saw no reason to question it.” The paper informed readers that two frightened women phoned the fire official, claiming they had seen the worm grab dogs and swallow them whole. McCafferty later said the bulge in the street was an accumulation of natural gas and he promptly had forgotten about it (<https://www.nytimes.com/1985/02/10/us/press-notes-pact-by-post-sets-a-record-in-libel-cases.html>). So much for tabloids. There are lots of internet sites that are essentially tabloids, regurgitating garbage picked up here and there.

Researchers say the average person speaks about 18,000 words a day, 54 printed pages. Each year, we speak 66 books 800 pages long. That’s a lot of words. Proverbs is full of counsel on speech. Proverbs 12:25 says, “Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.” Proverbs 15:4 says, “A wholesome tongue is a tree of life.” Proverbs 15:23 says, “A word spoken in due season, how good is it!” James 1:19 reminds us, “Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.” Jesus said, “Every idle word that men speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment” (Matt. 12:36). That ought to be a sobering thought.

As Christians, we need to take greater care with our speech (and internet postings and texts) because to the world we are ambassadors of the King of Kings (2 Cor. 5:20). We represent Him to them. One day there will be an audit not just of our speech but also of our lives. Let’s make sure we build with gold, silver, and precious stones, not wood, hay, and stubble because all of those worthless things will be burned up (1 Cor. 3:10-15).

Brother Gary

