Privileged to Serve

Speaker .. Andy Duncan a.m.; Tom Fair p.m.
Announcements/Prayer...........Bruce Clopton
Song Leader.................................... Tom Fair
Attendance................ Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer ..... Ralph Hubbard
Lord's Supper

        Dwight Callens *
        Lloyd Smith*
        Dick Vinson
        Jacob King

Closing Prayer............................Rob Warren

Evening

Opening Prayer ....Randy Rives
Lord's Supper

        Dwight Callens *
        Lloyd Smith*

Closing Prayer..............................Jacob King

Communion Preparation

Month of March ....Angela Duncan
Month of April ....Kathy St. Clair

Nursery Attendant; Backup

March 15........... Katie Agan; Angela Duncan
March 22.............. Angela Duncan; Lara King

Wednesday Evening – March 18, 2020

Prayer/Announcements...............Lamar King
Song Leader................................Randy Rives
Devotional.................................Andy Duncan

Service Times

SUNDAY
    Bible Study........................ 9:00 a.m.
    Morning Worship............ 10:00 a.m.
    Evening Worship...............5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
    Bible Study..........................6:00 p.m.

Elders

ANDY DUNCAN .... (662) 416-2222
TOM FAIR .... (601) 681-8293

Deacons

LAMAR KING .... (601) 604-2656
    BUILDING/GROUNDS

BYRON MADISON................. (601) 227-1374
    YOUTH

RANDY RIVES........................ (601) 513-4785
    EDUCATION & WORSHIP

ALBERT ST. CLAIR .... (601) 626-7815

Works Supported

Robert Martin
Stacey Ferguson
South Pacific Missions

Pine Vale Children's Home
Corinth, Mississippi

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Bible Class	33
Sunday Morning Worship	64
Sunday Evening Worship	*
Wednesday Bible Study	23

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week $ 2,221.00

Daily Bible Readers

March 8, 2020   * = *% of attending

*Figures Unavailable

March 15, 2020   ❧ *Meridian Messenger* ❧   *Welcome Visitors!*

Don't be Clueless! Are slang words (euphemisms) wrong?

Is saying words like gosh, golly, heck, darn, dang, etc. the same as saying the "bad" words? I hear lots of Christians say these words. Are they wrong?

Here is a good question. This shows that someone out there is concerned about their speech and the influence of their speech upon other people. The Bible has much to say about our influence through speech upon others. The passage that comes to my mind immediately is **Ephesians 4:29** which states, *"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."* From this passage we learn that "corrupt" speech is not to be spoken by the Christian. The Christian's speech is to be for edifying, that is, building each other up. The Christian's speech is to serve grace or favor to those who hear it. Herein lays the standard for our speech and communication patterns.

There are three ways in which we can use speech in a corrupt way. First of all we can utter a curse upon something. This is basically what Jesus condemns in **Matthew 5:22** "But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire." To curse another person or even to curse God's creation is a sin against God. God made the earth and people as a blessing. We ought to respect God's blessing and not curse it.

The second way in which we can corrupt speech is by using God's name in vain. God told the Israelites in **Exodus 20:7** "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." This principle is still true today. God does not want us to refer to Him in a vain or empty way. He is God and deserves our constant and complete respect. To use His name in an empty way is to not give God the respect that God deserves.

The third way in which we can corrupt speech is by taking something that God has made holy and make it common. The sexual relationship is one such example. God made that relationship to be holy, that is, set apart–between husband and wife. If we speak concerning that relationship as if it is just another common activity then we denigrate it. … *~continued inside~*