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The Power and Responsibility of Our Words

The third commandment reaches further than we often realize. It not only addresses how we speak about God, but also how we use words more broadly. Scripture consistently reminds us that speech reveals the heart and carries real moral weight.

There are forms of speech that Scripture treats with particular seriousness. Taking God's name in vain—using it carelessly or irreverently—is strongly condemned (Leviticus 24:15–16). Closely related is cursing—wishing harm or condemnation upon others. While the world often treats this lightly, God calls His people to something higher: “Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse” (Romans 12:14; cf. 1 Peter 3:9). Even our frustrations are not an excuse to speak as if we sit in God's place of judgment.

Scripture also addresses obscene or unclean speech. Words that dwell on what is shameful or impure are not fitting for God's people (Ephesians 4:29; 5:4). Instead, our speech should build up, reflect purity, and align with what is honorable (Philippians 4:8).

This raises practical questions about what we say, what we watch, and what we support. Exposure to sinful speech can dull our sensitivity or shape our character over time (cf. 2 Peter 2:7–8). Wisdom asks not only, “Is this allowed?” but “What is this doing to my heart?”

At the same time, Scripture affirms the proper use of words in serious matters. Oaths and vows, when used rightly, are not condemned but treated with great seriousness (Matthew 5:33–37; Hebrews 6:13–18). God's people should be so truthful that a simple “yes” or “no” is trustworthy (cf. James 5:12).

In the end, our words are never empty. They either honor God or diminish what is good. A careful tongue is not merely polite—it is a reflection of a heart shaped by Him.

- Freddie Klein

AM - The Birth of the church at Pentecost; Acts 2:40-42

Children's Bible Time: Front of Auditorium at 5PM

PM - There is a Generation; Proverbs 30:11-14

Read the Bible in 1 Year:

Sunday - Judges 9-10, Luke 5:17-39; **Monday** - Judges 11-12, Luke 6:1-26;

Tuesday - Judges 13-15, Luke 6:27-49; **Wednesday** - Judges 16-18, Luke 7:1-30; **Thursday** - Judges 19-21, Luke 7:31-50; **Friday** - Ruth 1-4, Luke

8:1-25; **Saturday** - 1 Samuel 1-3, Luke 8:26-56

PRAYER LIST and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the family of **Elvis Caldwell**, who has passed away.

Bert Woodroof fell and needs to be remembered in our prayers as he recovers.

Please pray for **Bryan and Beth Breeden** as Bryan's father, Jerry Breeden, passed away.

Please pray for **Sharon Broome's** sister, **Betsy**, who had her second chemo treatment this past Thursday.

Continue to Remember:

Mickey and Carol Petty, Ralph and Mary Nell Hogg, Bill & Wilma Davis, Jim Duty, David Elliott, Joanne Hallford, Beverly Jenkins, Tina Kelso, Richard King, Janice Martin, John & Melba Sims, Jimmy Smithson, Dave Sweeney, Bobbie Wilhoite, Bert Woodroof, George Page, Kathy Malon

Our Shut-ins: Patricia Marsh

Sympathy

Sharon Broome's sister, Betsy, is having 4 chemo treatments in 4 weeks. This is to try to put her autoimmune disease in remission. Her second treatment was this past Thursday. Please pray that it works and the side effects are minimal.

Magi Boxes

For the month of March, the Dorcas Ladies are requesting donations of the following items: Crayons, Colored Pencils, Pens, Children's Scissors, Rulers, Coloring Books(ages 2-7), Spiral Notebooks(ages 8+)

Request

If you are available to help The day school needs the auditorium stage cleaned off after the afternoon service.

VISITORS: Please fill out a card from the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the collection plate so we may have a record of your attendance. 

Online Giving Instructions

Online:

<https://donate.stripe.com/6oEcQKqAla0HczS000>

App:

Lightpost App



THOSE TO SERVE

TODAY - SUNDAY

Ushers: Steve Ellis, Trey Post

Song Leader: Kyle Richardson

Reader and Opening Prayer: John Cotrrell

Scripture: Acts 2:40-42

Preside at Lord's Table: Daniel Winkler

Serve the Lord's Supper: David Pence, Randy Hunt, Jon Ferrie, David Cost

Closing Prayer: Noah Oppermaann

Nursery Attendants: Jean Sweeney, Sophia Haedge

TODAY'S AFTERNOON SERVICE

Song Leader: Kyle Richardson

Opening Prayer: Jon Ferrie

P.M. Preside Lord's Supper: David Broome

Closing Prayer: Tony Tucker

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

Devotional Speaker: Freddie Klein

Song Leader: Kyle Richardson

Opening Prayer: Ryan Haedge

Closing Prayer: Steve Ellis

Sound for 3/29 Week: Marv Sowell

Projector for 3/29 Week: Blake McDaniel

THE RECORD

Last Sunday (3/22/2026)

Morning Worship 128

Sunday School 94

Evening Worship NC

Wednesday Night (3/25/2026) 62

Contribution Last Sunday: \$12,504.00

Contribution YTD: Contribution \$118,109.00

Goal YTD: \$126,000.00

PREPARE COMMUNION - APRIL

Sissi Osborne & Susan McMilan

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - APRIL

Alley Family

BUILDING LOCK-UP - APRIL

Deacons

MONTHLY ELDER CHAIRMAN - APRIL

Clint Oppermaann

ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Please contact the church office to schedule an event.

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UPCOMING EVENTS **Church Wide**

Today - Spring Kite Day

April 2-5 - Lads to Leaders Convention

April 12 - County Area Wide Devo at North View Church of Christ

April 23 - Share Group Outing to Chapel Hill Creamery

April 26 - John Rhodes' Wedding Shower

May 3 - County Area Wide Devo at South Gate Church of Christ

May 10 - SOS MESH Potluck

May 17 - Graduate's Reception

May 24-29 - WKYC

Puppets

Today after our afternoon service we will have 1 hour of puppet practice.

Lad to Leaders

This Wednesday during Bible classes, our youth will be demonstrating what they have prepared for Lads to Leaders. The girls will be in Room 100, and the boys will be in the fellowship hall. If you can't attend the convention, this is a great way to support our youth! If you are planning to come and have questions, please ask David Broome.

Spring Kite Day

Today, we will have our annual Spring Kite Day. There will be a catered lunch after Bible class, followed by our kite day activities, and then our afternoon service.

Share Group Outing

Our Share Group is planning an outing to Chapel Hill Creamery April 23rd at 10:30am.

Wedding Shower

A wedding shower and luncheon honoring John Rhodes and his bride-elect, Kathryn Harrison, will be held on April 26 after class. The whole congregation is invited to attend. They are registered on Zola.com.

MISSIONS MEMO...

**Paul & Hettie Gerber • Somerset West,
Cape Town, South Africa**

Dear Loved Ones,

We write with heavy hearts during this season of loss and transition. Our beloved Elder Jankel Friedman passed away on January 1, 2026, after declining health in December. Brother Stephen, our interim pulpit preacher, and evangelist lost his wife in November. These losses have had a profoundly negative impact on our congregation.

With only two elders, Jankel's passing has brought our eldership to an end, placing Somerset West in a period of significant transition. Both Brother Stephen and Sister Stef (Jankel's wife) are receiving the support they need as they grieve.

Despite our sorrow, we remain committed to the work Paul Gerber and Jankel Friedman established. Our 2026 theme, A Hope Built On Nothing Less, reflects our determination to rebuild.

Theodore Scullard (Theo) has been appointed as our new pulpit preacher and evangelist, effective January 1, 2026. While competent, Theo is new to this role and will need time to settle in fully. We are implementing systems and support structures to ensure his success:

Brother Amon, a long-serving deacon, and School of Preaching graduate, has been seconded to work alongside Theo, introducing him to the homes of our members.

Social and "workday" events at the church building are being organized to create additional contact opportunities for Theo.

Leadership is committed to providing Theo with the help and guidance he needs.

We are grateful for your support during this challenging time. Your partnership enables us to continue the Lord's work as we navigate transition. Thank you, Southern Hills, for your support! Please continue to keep the evangelistic efforts in Cape Town, South Africa in your prayers!



UPCOMING EVENTS



April 2-5 - Lads to Leaders convention

L2L convention is coming up. If you have any questions contact Beth Lincoln.

April 12 - The Next County Area Wide Devo is April 12th at North View Church of Christ. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for those who wish to attend.

May 3 - County Area Wide Devo at South Gate Church of Christ.

May 17 - Graduates Reception

May 24-29 - WKYC

Mark your calendars for Western Kentucky Youth Camp. More information to follow.



Today - Spring Kite Day

We will have our annual Spring Kite Day this afternoon!

May 24-29 - WKYC

Lads to Leaders Practice Schedule:

Today - 1 hour of puppet practice after second service.

April 2nd-5th - Lads to Leaders Convention

TIMES SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - 9 AM
BIBLE CLASS - 10 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP - 5 PM

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE - 6 PM
Classes for all ages

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