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Truthfulness, Speech, and Moral Discernment

Scripture calls Christians to think carefully not only about what we say but also how we engage with the words and actions of others. The Bible itself records false and sinful statements—"There is no God" (Psalm 14:1), "He has an unclean spirit" (Mark 3:30), "Jesus is accursed" (1 Corinthians 12:3)—yet no one assumes Scripture approves them. Context matters. Quoting sin is not the same as committing it.

But this raises a harder question in everyday life. There is a difference between pretending to commit certain actions and actually committing them. An actor may "pretend" to kill, yet no life is taken. However, not everything works this way. To speak vulgarity or to take God's name in vain—even in a scripted setting—is not merely pretend. The words themselves are real, and God is still dishonored.

This leads us to consider what we choose to watch and support. While watching is not identical to doing, it is not without effect. Scripture urges us to ask: What is this producing in me? Does it dull my conscience or trouble my heart (Acts 17:16; 2 Peter 2:7-8)? Am I, in some way, participating in what God calls "unfruitful works of darkness" (Ephesians 5:11)?

At the same time, Scripture affirms the proper use of words in serious commitments. Oaths—solemn appeals to God as witness—are found throughout Scripture and are not inherently wrong (Matthew 26:63-64; Hebrews 6:13-18). Likewise, vows are promises made to God and must be taken seriously and kept faithfully (Ecclesiastes 5:4-5).

The goal is simple but demanding: a life marked by truthfulness and integrity. When our words are consistently faithful, our "yes" will be enough, and our lives will reflect the God we claim to serve (James 5:12).

- Freddie Klein

AM - The Crucifixion of Christ - 1 Cor. 15:1-4

PM - The Resurrection of Christ - 1 Cor. 15:1-4

Read the Bible in 1 Year:

Sunday - 1 Samuel 22-24, Luke 12:1-31; **Monday** - 1 Samuel 25-26, Luke 12:32-59; **Tuesday** - 1 Samuel 27-29, Luke 13:1-22; **Wednesday** - 1 Samuel 30-31, Luke 13:23-35; **Thursday** - 2 Samuel 1-2, Luke 14:1-24; **Friday** - 2 Samuel 3-5, Luke 14:25-35; **Saturday** - 2 Samuel 6-8, Luke 15:1-10

PRAYER LIST and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST

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

Please pray for **Sharon Broome's** sister, **Betsy**, who is receiving chemo treatment.

Pray for **Dave Sweeney**. He is recovering from a recent heart procedure.

Please keep **Kyle Labore** in your prayers. He is a friend of Jon Ferrie.


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. Please pray that it works and the side effects are minimal.

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: Jon Ferrie, Trey Burns

Song Leader: David Broome

Reader and Opening Prayer: Bryan Breedan

Scripture: 1 Cor. 15:1-4

Preside at Lord's Table: Jeff Rhodes

Serve the Lord's Supper: David Pence, Daniel Winkler, Joe Burns, Blake McDaniel

Closing Prayer: Steve Ellis

Nursery Attendants: Cheryl Pope, Annabelle Post

TODAY'S EVENING SERVICE

Song Leader: David Broome

Opening Prayer: Ryan Haedge

P.M. Preside Lord's Supper: Clint Oppermann

Closing Prayer: Tony Tucker

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026

Devotional Speaker: Dan Cottrell

Song Leader: David Broome

Opening Prayer: Mike Pope

Closing Prayer: Jon Ferrie

Sound for 3/29 Week: Marv Sowell

Projector for 3/29 Week: Kyle Richardson

THE RECORD

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| Last Sunday (4/5/2026) | |
| Morning Worship | 130 |
| Sunday School | 96 |
| Evening Worship | NC |
| Wednesday Night (4/8/2026) | 62 |
| Contribution Last Sunday: | \$13,311.00 |
| Contribution YTD: Contribution | \$140,879.00 |
| Goal YTD: | \$147,000.00 |

PREPARE COMMUNION - APRIL

Sissi Osborne & Susan McMilan

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - APRIL

Alley Family

BUILDING LOCK-UP - APRIL

Deacons

MONTHLY ELDER CHAIRMAN - APRIL

Clint Oppermann

ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Please contact the church office to schedule an event.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Wide

Today - County Area Wide Devo at North View Church of Christ

April 19 - Lads to Leaders Appreciation Dinner

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 3 - SOS MESH Potluck

May 17 - Graduates' Reception

May 24-29 - WKYC

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. Lunch will be provided, we ask that the congregation bring deserts.

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+)

Share Group Outing

Our Share Group is planning an outing to Chapel Hill Creamery April 23rd at 10:30am. A sign up sheet has been placed in the foyer.

Lads to Leaders Appreciation

Our Lads Appreciation Dinner will be held on April 19th after evening services. Our puppet teams will perform their puppet shows, and we will have a slideshow of the convention highlights. Our youth worked hard and did well at Lads—this is a great chance to see some of their hard work! Pizza will be served! A sign up sheet has been placed in the foyer.

MISSIONS MEMO...

**Michael and Diane Richardson •
Montana, USA**

It is the 3rd month of the year and Michael has been on two mission trips. You are receiving reports of those so we will not go into detail. Latvia and Germany were in January and Jamaica was in February. They both went very well.

Diane was planning on going to Mexico. But with the unrest happening right now as we write and travel banned for the area we work we it may not happen.

May 19 - June 4th Diane will be going back to Tanzania, Africa. She enjoys that very much with teaching children in seminars and Bible Studies every day on the streets. As of now there are 4-5 people going to the area of Arusha and Moshi. There are lots of congregations that branch out from there we will work in.

June brings Baja California & Mexico, and the end of June brings Costa Rica. That will take care of the first 6 months of the year. We are excited and ready to go!

We are running low on funds this time of year because most of the work is in the first part. If you are able we would especially need all the help you can give us. Even a small amount helps so much! Our families are all wonderful and will soon have a granddaughter married in August. We think he is a wonderful blessing!

Prayers for rain would be very helpful for our area. We have escaped most of the precipitation all winter which will make it hard for crops this spring. God will provide if we only ask.

In Christian Love, Michael & Diane Richardson



UPCOMING EVENTS



Today - 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.

April 19 - Lads to Leaders Appreciation Dinner.

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. Camp information coming very soon!



April 19 - Lads to Leaders Appreciation Dinner.

May 10 - Mother's Day Service Project

May 24-29 - WKYC Camp information coming very soon!

TBD - Family Devo and Picnic

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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