

St John Church of Christ

November 17, 2019

Order of Worship

Worship Leader: Gary

Gathering Song: No. 71 As the Deer

Welcome: Tom

Scripture Reading: Stan

1 Peter 1:13 - 16

Songs

No. 731 Take Time to Be Holy

No. 290 Shine, Jesus, Shine

No. 140 Love Divine

Scripture Reading & Prayer: Richard

Colossians 3:12 - 14

Songs

No. 681 More Holiness Give Me

No. 186 Christ We Do All Adore Thee

Communion: Jerry

assisted by

Chris, Clint, Fred

Song: No. 429 Oh, to be Like Thee

(Children may go to Children's Bible Hour during the singing of the last verse)

Lesson: Learning to Listen
John

Song No. 922 Jesus Paid It All
(1st Verse)

Prayer: Ned

(CCLI #244012t9)

Learning to Listen

Someone once said, "A picture is worth a thousand words," however Don Chaney, a radio-advertising salesman once observed:

"You give me a thousand words and I'll take the Lord's Prayer, the Twenty-Third Psalm, the Hippocratic Oath, a sonnet by Shakespeare, the Preamble to the Constitution, Lincoln's Gettysburg address, and I'll still have enough words left over for just about all of the Boy Scout Oath. Now would you trade these one thousand words for any picture?"

Then there was the Creation: "And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light." God spoke the world into existence. He created light, heaven, land, vegetation, seasons, fish, birds, animals and people all with a word (Genesis chapter 1). The Apostle John wrote: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God," (John 1:1). Don't ever doubt the power of speech!

But our speech can be good or bad. James, the brother of Jesus, said:

The tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The

tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell," (James 3:6). It's been said that a person's worth depends upon their two smallest organs: their heart and their tongue.

How can I learn to control my mouth? First let me say, "It ain't easy!" (Bad grammar, but right on target.) So how do we go about "tongue taming"? Here are some hints:

Granny's observation was correct: "God gave us two ears and one tongue so we should listen twice as much as we talk."

Before you open your mouth, ask yourself, "Is it necessary for me to say anything?" Someone joked, "Christians don't gossip, they just share prayer requests."

Ask yourself, "Is it true?"

Ask yourself, "Is it kind?"

Finally, share this prayer, "Lord, may my words be tender and kind for I may have to eat them."

John McKeel

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Meeting Times

- **Sundays**
 - ◇ Leisure Homestead 9:30
 - ◇ Bible Study for All Ages 10:00
 - ◇ Worship 11:00
- **Wednesdays**
 - ◇ Community Bible Study 2:00 p.m.
 - ◇ Dinner & Devo 6:30
 - ◇ Bible Classes 7:00
- **Every Other Monday**
 - ◇ Ladies' Bible Class 7:00 P.M.

Elders

- Richard Brensing
- Teddy Gingrich
- Terry Sallee
- George Shelton
- Tom Turner

Deacons

- Jerry Kinnamon
- Chris Mansel
- Orrin Feril

News & Notes

Wednesday Bible Studies

Our building is very busy on Wednesdays this fall! At 2:00 P.M. we have a community Bible study of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians. The class meets in the Fellowship Hall for an hour.

Then, at 6:30 P.M., join us for dinner followed by a short devotional at 7:00 P.M. and classes for all ages until 8:00 P.M.

***Please note:** We will suspend our Wednesday activities, November 27th, the day before Thanksgiving. Classes will resume the following week.*

Ladies' Bible Class Next Week

Monday nights are very exciting at St. John Church of Christ. Our Ladies' Bible Class is discussing Ecclesiastes. You can be a part of the fun! Won't you join us at 7:00 P.M. next Monday night, November 25th? See Cheyenne or Joy for details.

Quotable

Terry Hargrave, at Pepperdine University, reported, humans share about 90% of the same genomes with all life. We share 99.97% of the same genomes with every other human being. We have a lot more in common with other people than we think!

Hmmm

David Seamans, author and professor at Asbury Seminary, tells a story about the campus

where the seminary shared cafeteria facilities with Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky. On one occasion, students moving through the cafeteria line found near the beginning a large basket of bright red apples. The cafeteria staff had placed a sign above the basket, quite appropriate for a Christian college campus, "Take one only please—God is watching."

As students made their way through the line selecting meat loaf or taco salad, and peaches or chocolate mousse, they found at the other end a large box of broken cookies which the staff had put out. Attached to the box was a piece of notebook paper containing a note obviously scrawled by a student. It read, "Take as many as you want; God is watching the apples."

For Your Prayers

We are halfway through our "Month of Prayer." Have you noticed a change in your life? Remember: prayer reflects a relationship. It is conversing with God. That is an amazing privilege!

You can learn more by picking up one of our "Month of Prayer" flyers.