

THE MESSENGER

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"Leading others to know Jesus Christ"

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Treasuring His Word

From the Pastor's Heart:

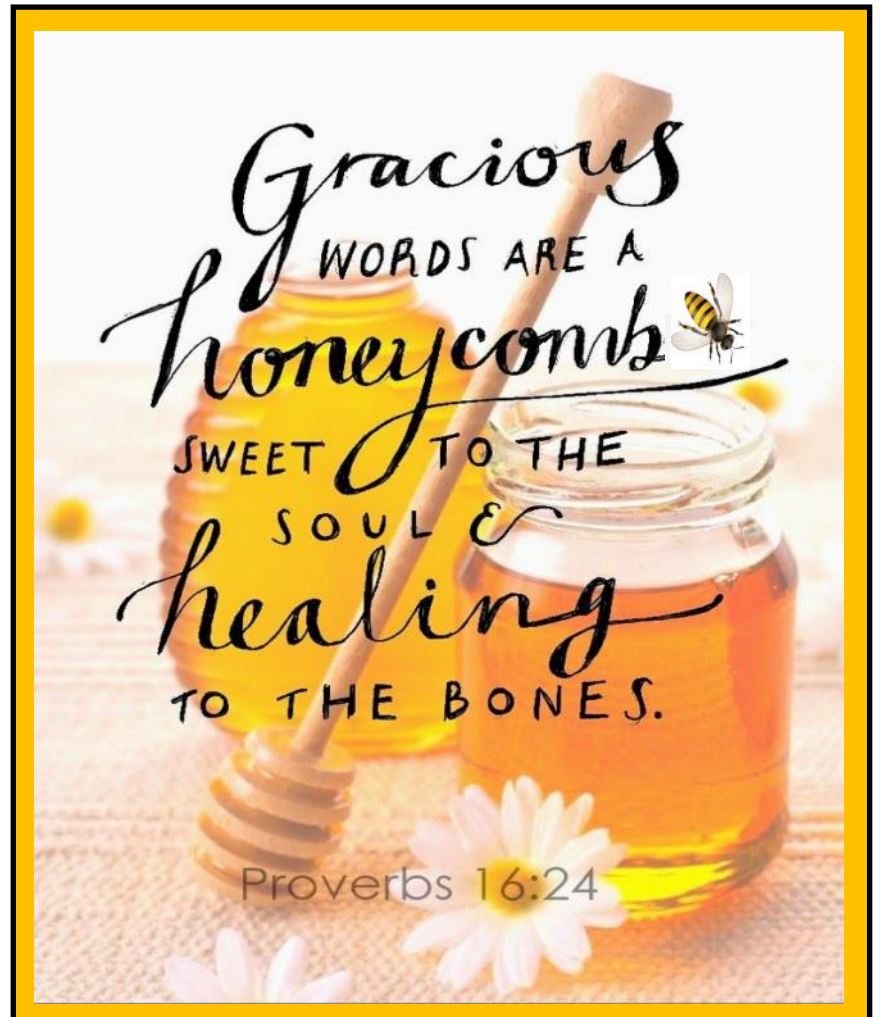
"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit" (Proverbs 18:21).

James tells us that the tongue is full of deadly poison (James 3:8). Most of us have a significant fear of black widow spiders or rattlesnakes, or both. Why is that? Because they are full of deadly poison! Yet, most of us do not have much fear when it comes to our tongues, even though God's Word says they are deadly. The scriptures also encourage us to realize that our tongues can be used to bring healing and help. Indeed, the power of "death and life" are on "the tip of your tongue." The following are the verses we gleaned from the book of Proverbs this past Sunday evening: "The one who guards his mouth preserves his life; the one who opens wide his lips comes to ruin (13:3). When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, but he who restrains his lips is wise (10:19). He who restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding. Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is counted prudent (17:27-28). A soothing tongue is a tree of life, but perversion in it crushes the spirit (15:4). Truthful lips will be established forever, but a lying tongue is only for a moment (12:19). Anxiety in the heart of a man weighs it down, but a good word makes it glad (12:25). Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones (16:24). A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger (15:1). He who covers a transgression seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates intimate friends (17:9). There is gold, and an abundance of jewels; but the lips of knowledge are a more precious thing (20:15). He who guards his mouth and his tongue, guards his soul from troubles (21:23). Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips (27:2). Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him (29:20). The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things (15:28)." Be sure to use your tongue for "LIFE" this week, not for "DEATH."

New Staff Position

A few months ago, we requested resumes from you in seeking someone to assist us with our Senior Adult Ministry. Having spent much time in prayer over the past 6 months, and the process of multiple meetings, the Personnel Committee has asked Mrs. Jacque Adams to be our interim Senior Adult Director. Jacque and her husband, Stacey, have been faithfully serving in our church for many years in various capacities. We look forward to the days ahead as the Lord uses her to be an encouragement to our Senior Adults through this part-time position.

Many thanks go to the multitude of people who serve in this Body of Christ. The Committee on Committees has submitted their report to you for the 2019 calendar year. May God bless us as we continue to devote our lives to Jesus!



DEACONS OF THE WEEK:
JIM GREENE, JOHN SULLIVAN

CHURCH SECURITY:
JESSIE PEOPLES' TEAM

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019

8:15 A.M. - ORCHESTRA PRACTICE
9:15 A.M. - SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 A.M. - MORNING WORSHIP
YOUTH SERVED MEAL IMMEDIATELY AFTER A.M. WORSHIP
6:00 P.M. - PRAISEMAKERZ CHOIR
6:00 P.M. - NOISEMAKERZ CHOIR
6:00 P.M. - EVENING SERVICE
7:00 P.M. - SUPER BOWL PARTY
(THE NEWTON HOME)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019

6:30 P.M. - STITCH 'N PRAY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019

4:30 P.M. - HANDBELLS (CAMPBELL BLDG)
5:00 P.M. - FAMILY SUPPER
5:30 P.M. - AWANA
5:45 P.M. - PRAYER MEETING
6:30 P.M. - CHOIR PRACTICE
6:30 P.M. - E3 STUDENT MINISTRIES

Peace by Piece meet every 1st and 3rd Friday @ 9:00 a.m. in the Campbell Bldg.

Fellowship
Dinner

February 6th Spaghetti, BBQ Bread, Salad, Tea & Dessert

February 13th Bar-B-Que, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Salad, Tea & Dessert