



JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Lessons for Today

AM: Brian Mitchell
"Where There is No Wood"
Proverbs 26:20

PM: Brian Mitchell
"Marriage Counseling #1"
1 Corinthians 7:8-11

Where There Is No Wood

See if you can guess of whom or what the author is speaking. "I am more deadly than the screaming shell of a canon. I win without killing. I tear down homes, break hearts, wreck lives, and destroy churches. I travel on the wings of the wind. No innocence is strong enough to intimidate me, no purity pure enough to daunt me. I have no regard for truth, no respect for justice, no mercy for the defenseless. My victims are as numerous as the sands of the sea and often as innocent. I never forget and seldom forgive. My name is...?"

Can you guess of whom or what he is speaking? Most of it sounds like a description of the devil himself. But that is not of whom the article speaks. Who or what could be so cruel and heartless? He ends this article by saying my name is GOSSIP!!! The abomination described in this article is something that indeed is very cruel and heartless, and is something very strongly condemned in the Bible. Yet still it is something often found on the lips of God's children and we many times are not even aware that we are guilty of gossiping.

The book of James provides perhaps the most graphic warnings about the tongue in the whole Bible—Jm.3:6 and Jm.3:8. There are very few sins that the Bible describes in more serious terms, and yet there are very few sins which receive so little thought or attention. As I said, there are times when we may not even be aware that we are gossiping and that is why it is so serious. This is why we need to understand what gossip is, so that we might never be guilty of it.

Taming the tongue is not something that many of us often think about, until it gets us in trouble, or until we are the victim of someone else's misuse of the tongue. What we must realize is the fact that there are few things in our possession that have the ability to do more harm and damage. With our hands we may take a person's material goods or even their physical life. But with the tongue you may take a man's dignity, his good name and reputation, and all that gives his life real value.

Sadly, you can do all of these things without ever having the intention of doing so, all by getting caught in what may seem like at times harmless chit chat. As I have said before, we don't get to decide how our words affect the lives of others, and that is why we must be extremely careful with the words we speak. Someone once said, "A three inch tongue can destroy a six foot man."

I know a preacher that once promised during his Sunday morning sermon that during his evening lesson he was going to preach about that congregation's greatest sin. Of course every one came back that evening and heard a sermon on the subject of gossiping. The interesting part of the story was the next he received a call from one of his elders saying that two women from the church had called him to complain about the preacher's sermon—do you see the problem with that??? Instead of calling the preacher to talk with him, these ladies called an elder.

In the remainder of this lesson we shall examine what the Bible says about Gossip and in part 2 of the lesson we will discuss how we may overcome this terrible yet often overlooked sin and how to handle situations where others want to share gossip with you.

Brian Mitchell

Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am
AM Worship: 10:00 am
PM Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Sunday Class: 83
Sunday AM: 129
Sunday PM: 74
Wednesday PM: 53
Contribution: \$5455
Budget: \$4831

Weekly Wisdom

Make your face
shine on your
servant; save me in
your steadfast love!

Psalm 31:16

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Shawn Myers: 06.12
Ruthie Allen: 06.14
Amanda Walls: 06.17

Anniversaries

Gary & Carolyn Neese:
06.12
Mark & Linda Essner:
06.16

Serving This Week

Announcements: David Selvig

SUNDAY

Greeters: Dan & Ruby Silvers

Ushers: Shawn Myers/Troy Bryan

A/V: Phil Swiney

Nursery: Christi Crowden

Lead Singing: Dale Gilliland

Head Lord's Table: Ron Fehr

Scripture: Greg Dowdy

Prayers:

AM: Gary Ridenour/Murray Dunn

PM: Nate Crowden/Dan Silvers

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Seth Spraggs

Devo: Austin Holiman (Gideon, MO)
"Works of the Flesh"

A/V: Phil Swiney

Prayer: Gary Miller

Elder Chair: David Selvig

Communion to Shut-Ins: Gary Ridenour

Worship Organizer: Mat Kee

Chronological Bible Reading

June 11: 1 Kings 5-6, 2 Chronicles 2-3

June 12: 1 Kings 7, 2 Chronicles 4

June 13: 1 Kings 8, 2 Chronicles 5

June 14: 2 Chronicles 6-7, Psalm 136

June 15: Psalm 134, Psalms 146-150

June 16: 1 Kings 9, 2 Chronicles 8

June 17: Proverbs 25-26

Continuing Prayer Needs

****Contact the office with updates****

Allen family, Esther Beck (cancer), **Tim Corzine** (Steve's son—fall/healing), **Bill Dillman** (Marcia Ridenour's dad), **Newt & Kay Gilliland, Jalonda Harris** (Silvers' daughter-in-law—cancer), **Allen & Juanita Hedge, Sonny Huskey** (Jack's dad), **Francis & Diana Ivanovich, Betty Jones, Scott Lanpher** (Barbara's son), **Carolyn Neese, Brent Newton** (eye hemorrhage), **Mary Jo Parker** (Barbara Brown's sister—Cancer), **Martha Riehn** (Susan Seabaugh's sister-in-law—chemo), **Sandra Shell** (Kathy Green's niece—health), **Susan Seabaugh, Steve Simmons, Chris Weaver**

Remember in Prayer

- **Chris Weaver** had a procedure on Monday at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis. She is still suffering with multiple health issues.
- **Eva Mitchell** had hernia surgery on Tuesday and is home recovering.
- **Darlene Bartolo** will have knee replacement surgery on Monday. ****She also has a new address—it is posted on the family board.****
- **Jerry Ward** is recovering well after quadruple bypass surgery last week. He was able to return home on Tuesday.
- **Melissa Brown** has been released to drive, but will still be wearing the c-collar until her next appointment on July 5.
- **Edd Sterchi** has requested prayers as he is suffering with severe lower back and leg pain and is unable to stand or walk for more than a few minutes. He is expecting MRI results this week.

News & Notes

- **Children's Homes** item of the week: **Paper Plates/Cups**
- **A/V Note:** Those who are scheduled to run the A/V system on Sunday will be expected to serve on the following Wednesday as well. Please make arrangements if you are unable to serve.
- Please check the list to transport **Newt Gilliland** to his PT appointments and sign up to help. Newt is able to walk, but cannot drive. Each appointment lasts about an hour.
- Our **Summer Series** began this past Wednesday. As a reminder, everyone will meet in the auditorium at 7:00pm for a short time of singing and announcements. Children in 6th grade and younger will then be dismissed to classes. We will have a different guest speaker each week focusing our lessons on The Fruit of the Spirit.
- The **CFS Timothy Campaign** is coming to a close in just a few weeks. Please finish filling your cans and return them to the office by next **Sunday, June 18**. Remember: Your small change can make a big difference for the families and children CFS serves!
- All ladies are invited to a wedding shower honoring **Kelsey Martin** on **Sunday, June 25** following morning services. Lunch will be provided. Kelsey and Joseph Berryman are registered at Target and Amazon and are planning an August 12 wedding.

Elder/Deacon Selection

- As we continue the process of selecting additional elders and deacons, please pray for wisdom in making decisions. Names have been submitted and current deacons have interviewed those men over the past week. The elders will be conducting final interviews between now and June 25. Names will be submitted to the congregation for consideration at that time.

Youth Corner

- Please sign up if you would be willing to host the youth for Dessert and Devo on an upcoming Thursday evening. See Christopher with questions.
- **June 19:** Man Monday at 7pm at the church building
- **June 22:** Dessert & Devo hosted by the Mitchells
- **June 26:** Man Monday at 7pm at the church building
- **July 6:** Dessert & Devo hosted by the Fehrs
- **July 9-14:** BYC Session 3

