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Carl Kester, Ed & Virginia Nemore,
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Haney, & Iris Wheeler.

NHC Jimmy Webb & Tammy Austin.

Mabry Ola Fox, William Keller, &
Tennie Anderson.

Morningside Bill & Liz Tallant, Virgil
Medlin, & Pearl Cockrum.

Signature (Masters) Udel Roberts, &
Manda Mathis

Lifecare Sparta Eddie DeLoach, Bet-
ty Ann Mott, & Barbara Thurman.

Battling Cancer

Betty Stafford, Sue Cassetty, Jacki
Presley, Michael Hood, Paul Pippin,
Patricia Neal, Jo Norton, Earl Carr, Lori
Davenport, Phyllis Brewington, Landon
Kernea, Tammy Austin, & Areana Spur-
lock, Earl Carr, Tom Hall, Curtis Green,
Elsie Grisom.

PRAYER LIST

Recovering from Illness, Injury, or Surgery

Pearl Cockrum, Joann Spurlock, Mary Jones, Wade Jackson, Carl Kester, Denzil Thompson, Doris Watts, Sam Bradley, Leslie and Caroline Chase, Martha Ramsey, Louise Richardson, Ella Carter, Bill & Liz Tallant, Helen Maxwell, Ed Nemore, Jimmy Collier, Alexis Moon, Clarence & Cathy Anderson, Gwinn Medlin, Buddy Collier, Brenda Fox, Michael Birdwell, Paul Pippin, Eloise Keith, Regina Lawson, Junior Ragland, Frankie Neal, Ann Birdwell, Janice Dildine, Princeton Ball, & Leon Fletcher., Nell Cowan, Sandy Walker, James Loftis, Courtney Scott, James Loftis

Special Requests:

We express our sympathy to the family of **Richard Davidson**—(Cousin of Wanda Stafford) He passed away Tuesday, December 12th. His funeral was Saturday. We want to remember this family in our prayers.

- Herbert Johnson**—(Friend of Wanda Stafford) He is in very critical condition and his family has asked that we keep them in our prayers.
- Pearl Van Dyke**—Her surgery has been moved to Wednesday, January 24th. This is definitely not the news that she was hoping for, so we want to continue to remember her in our prayers.
- Jean Pitts**—(Sister of Mitchel Anderson) She is in the CRMC Outpatient Rehab facility after falling and breaking her hip. She is doing well, but still has a long road again with her recovery. We want to continue to remember her in our prayers.
- Hyatt Smithson**—He has come down with RSV. We want to pray that he recovers quickly.
- Jason Scott**—(Son in Law of Lee Jackson) He received his test results back from his biopsy and bone scan and we are happy to inform you that he is cancer free.
- Velma Hammock**—(Cousin of Lynn Manier) She went this past Friday for tests concerning some issues with her heart. Lynn has asked that we keep her in our prayers.

Announcements

- December 17th** — Greeters for this week are Debbie Skim- myhorn & Lisa Neil and Bradley & Christie Earnest.
- December 24th** — Greeters for next week are Connie Maxwell & Judy Agee and Princeton & Debra Ball.
- December 24th** — Due to the holidays, we will not be having our evening service on Christmas Eve. Our morning Bible study and worship service will be at their normal times.
- December 30th** — We will be having our Sunday evening song service. Following a period of singing and a brief devotional, we will then enjoy a pot luck meal to ring in the New Year.
- Help Needed**— The sign-up sheet for driving the van in 2018 is now posted on the bulletin board. This is a very important ministry for several of our members. Please prayerfully consider signing up for a month.
- EU & EU2**— We are now accepting payments for Evangelism Uni- versity. Cost: EU (\$35) & EU2(\$30).
- CYC**— We are now accepting payments for CYC. The cost is \$30 per individual.
- 2018 Calendar**— Eric is working on finalizing the calendar for ma- jor events in 2018. If you are willing to host a monthly devotional, please sign up on the youth board. If you would like to host an event, please let Eric know so that this can be added to our calen- dar. Thanks.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

18th—Cindy McBride	23rd—David & Peggie Brewington
David Brewington	James Earnest
Paige Lair	Manda Mathis
19th— Jody & Michelle Reecer	
Tommy Hogg	
22nd—Juanita Flatt	

Church Careline:

*Call for daily updates on the sick and
other important news*

528-9711

December 17th, 2017

WE WELCOME VISITORS

We are thrilled to have you worship with us today. We hope you feel welcome and wanted. We strive to be a loving and friendly family of believers, and desire to simply worship God in spirit and in truth. We offer you a special invitation to join us at any of our services. We can provide transportation if necessary. Please let us know how we may serve you. For a ride, questions, or Bible Study contact the office or Eric.

Schedule of Services

For The Record

Sunday Morning Bible Study
9:00am

Sunday Morning Worship

Attendance Last Week
Sun. Bible Study 113

10:00am

Sun. Morn Worship 169

Sunday Evening Worship

Sun. Night Worship 77

5:00pm

M.W. Bible Study 103

Wednesday Bible Study

Contribution

7:00pm

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Order of Worship

Worship in Song: Barry Wilmoth

#83— I Love to Tell the Story (Verses 1,3,4)

Lord's Supper

#420— Do All In The Name of the Lord (All Verses)

#247— Tell It Today (All Verses)

Reading: (James 3) & Prayer

#11— Angry Words (All Verses)

Sermon:

Inv: #514—What Will Your Answer Be (Songbook Only)

Announcements & Closing Prayer

Sermon:

There is no way to over emphasize the importance of using the tongue properly. Earlier James wrote that those who are practicing undefiled religion before God bridle the tongue (1:26). In this section, James is going to teach us about how each of us possesses a dangerous weapon, and each of us should learn how to use it.

I. The Danger of the Uncontrolled Tongue:

II. We MUST Learn to Control Our Tongue:

II. We MUST Get to the Root of the Matter:

True Christians who strive to practice saving faith control their tongues. However, we cannot do it alone. We need God's help. We need a renewed heart to change the tongue. Are you willing to do what is necessary to control your tongue?



“Sticks and stones may break my bones, but WORDS will never hurt me.” Possibly one of the most quoted nursery rhymes (if you want to call it that), that parents use for advice during times where words have hurt their children. If we are honest with ourselves, this is one of the greatest lies that have ever been told. Words can hurt!

Words can make or break us. Words can hurt us or heal us. Words can cause great solution or cause great problems. As scripture says, words are blessings and cursing. Why? Because so many people have trouble controlling their words. James informs us that humans have been capable of taming every beast, reptile, bird, and even sea creatures but NO ONE can tame the tongue. (James 3:7-8)

So how do I get better at this? In James chapter 1, James informs us that if anyone lacks wisdom, you should ask it of God who gives generously. One way that we can learn to control our tongue is to ask God for wisdom. We need to be wise in our thoughts so that we can be wise in our words. As James earlier would say, “We must be quick to hear and slow to speak.” Before we open our mouths, maybe we should stop, and ask ourselves, “Is it wise that I say this?”

This week I want to challenge you to spend more time listening and less time talking.

— Eric

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